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CHIANG FLIES TO CHUNGKING

Fear Warlords May Try To Deal With Reds

FURTHER GAINS REPORTED

Canton, August 24.
Chiang Kai-shek flew to Chungking today in an apparent attempt to foil any secret agreements between warlords of Szechwan and the Communists.

Voroshilov Denounces Tito Regime

London, August 23.
Soviet Marshal Klement Voroshilov, a member of the all-powerful Politburo, denounced the "bloody, fascist regime" of Marshal Tito in Yugoslavia in an address delivered in Bucharest, Rumania, the Soviet monitor reported here today.

The speech was delivered yesterday in connection with the fifth anniversary of Rumania's liberation from German occupation.

Voroshilov, a Marshal of the Red Army, a Deputy Premier of Russia and a member of the Politburo, said: "The rulers of Yugoslavia have become the open enemies of the Soviet Union, the People's Democracies and the whole of the anti-imperialist camp."

With the world at present split into two camps, he said, anyone failing to give unreserved support to Russia was an enemy. That, he continued, was the position now of Yugoslavia's "bloody fascist regime."

Repeats Charges

Voroshilov did not indicate what Russia planned to do about Tito's refusal to submit to the dictates of the Kremlin. He repeated Soviet charges that Tito had become the puppet of "Wall Street," but said that the people of Yugoslavia would not be deceived by the imperialist actions of the "criminal Tito clique."

"Terror and violence on the part of the criminal Tito clique, who are ready to turn themselves inside out in order to curry favour with their traitor masters of Wall Street, are incapable of deceiving the honest Yugoslav people," said Voroshilov.

"And the people of Yugoslavia know full well that the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies and the whole of the powerful anti-imperialist camp, headed by the Soviet Union under the leadership of the great Stalin, constitute such a powerful force as is alone capable of standing up to all the black forces of reaction and the instigators of the new war."—United Press.

SYDNEY FLAGSHIP OF AUSSIE FLEET

Sydney, August 24.
The aircraft carrier HMAS Sydney, transferred by Britain to the Royal Australian Navy last December, will become the flagship of the Australian Fleet tomorrow.

It will be the first time the Fleet has had an aircraft carrier as its flagship. The ceremony will take place in Sydney harbour.

THE WEATHER

At 5:00 P.M. (4 P.M. HKST) the situation is complete. From a very deep depression over Mongolia a strong trough extends to Central China. There is an area of shallow low pressure off Japan and a weak ridge stretches from the South China coast to the Caroline Islands. The pressure gradient is flat and conditions are such that the development of disturbances within the China Sea is unlikely. The depression off Sumatra has no intensity.

Today's Forecast: Light or moderate S.W. winds. Fair with scattered showers.

Yesterday's Weather:
Maximum 87.2 deg. F.
Minimum 72.8 deg. F.
Wind: S.W. 10-15 m.p.h.
Rainfall: 0.8 in.

Readings at 10 a.m. 25th:
Bar: 30.02 in. (1009.2 mm)
Therm: 81.5 deg. F.
Wind: S.W. 10-15 m.p.h.
Rainfall: 0.8 in.

Chiang's flight apparently was one of great urgency. He postponed a meeting of the Kuomintang Party's Emergency Council to make it.

Szechwan's warlords are known to be eager to keep their fences mended at all times. They have been at odds with Chang Chun, Commander of the Nationalists in South West China. His jurisdiction embraces the provinces of Szechwan, Kweichow, Yunnan and Sikang.

Rumours here are current that Chiang wishes to resign. Chiang, these rumours say, wishes to prevent this.

The widely Nationalist situation is threatened from within and without.

In Central China the Nationalists presented Chiang with reports of successes. Chiang named a new Army chief during the day.

General Pai Chung-hai, Commander in Chief of the Army, announced that his counter-offensive had rolled on to two new victories over the Communists on both the Eastern and Western flanks of Hengyang. This is the Hunan Province defence bastion 285 miles North of Canton on the Canton-Hankow railway.

Yuh-sien Said Recaptured

Yuh-sien, 50 miles East North East of Hengyang, was recaptured from the Reds, he said, by Nationalist forces North of Canton. On the way they also took Ar-jen, about midway between Leiyang and Yuh-sien.

On Pai's Western flank, the Reds were reported thrown out of Hengyang, 70 miles North West of Hengyang.

The victories put the Nationalists in a better position in Hunan than they had been at any time since they lost the provincial capital of Changsha early this month. The good news arrived a day after Chiang flew into this refugee capital from Taiwan.

Chiang's departure for Chungking on the first leg of an interior

PI Reds To Back Laurel

Manila, August 24.
The Communist Party of the Philippines announced today it was supporting "with reservations" the Nationalist candidate, Jose P. Laurel, for the Presidency of the Republic.

Mariano P. Belgos, Secretary-General of the Communist Party, said its endorsement was based on the Nationalist Party supporting the following Communist objectives:

- 1—Voiding of trade, economic and military bases agreements with the United States.
- 2—Purchase of landed estates to give tenants a share of the land.
- 3—Stop the campaign against the Hukoblahaps and grant the people the right to possess arms as part of the rights of Democracy.

No Response

There was no immediate response from Jose Laurel on the Communist support. Leftist votes in Central Luzon would amount to possibly 200,000 to 300,000, including those of the Democratic Alliance.

President Quirino's Liberal Party immediately attacked the Communist stand for Laurel and found it hard to reconcile with the Communist past denunciations of collaborators. Laurel was President of the Japanese-sponsored government during the war.

Amethyst Hero Comes Home



Stoker Mechanic R. Fletcher (centre) of Oldham, Lancashire, who lost a leg in the Amethyst action in the Yangtze, is assisted down the Dilwara gangway by naval officers at Southampton upon the troopship's arrival from Hong Kong.—(AP Photo).

Prospect Of U.S. Arms Aid For China Brighter

Washington, August 24.
Congressional proponents of American arms aid to Nationalist China said today that prospects of aid to the embattled Canton government had brightened perceptibly during the past fortnight.

While none would be willing to make specific predictions they generally believed there is now some possibility that the Senate might provide some funds from the global arms aid bill for the aid of the Chinese Nationalists.

Among those who have condemned the State Department's policy of abandoning China to the Communists and who have asked continuation of United States assistance to the Nationalists are Senators Theodore Greene of Rhode Island, Pat Macarran of

Contraband Found In CMSN Ship

Tokyo, August 24.
Three of the ship's officers and two crew members of a Chinese vessel which arrived in Japan 11 days ago from Hong Kong have been arrested on charges of smuggling and more than US\$200,000 worth of contraband has been seized, General MacArthur's headquarters announced today.

The five men are to be tried by the United States Provost Marshal Court.

The arrested men were from the steamer Hsiang, owned by the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company Limited, and registered in Shanghai.

She docked at Kawasaki, midway between Tokyo and Yokohama, on August 19 from Hong Kong with a cargo of iron ore. Acting on a tip, the authorities searched the ship and found 800 bales of contraband, composed chiefly of saccharine, medicine, cloth and plastic goods, the announcement said.—Reuters.

PRODUCTION OF RAW SILK IN JAPAN

Tokyo, August 24.
The July production of raw silk reached the peak for 1949 with a total output of 14,844 bales, the Agriculture and Forestry Ministry announced yesterday.

The figure was a 23 per cent increase over July and 30 per cent increase over July of last year.

Australia Sending Chinese Refugees To Hong Kong

Canberra, August 24.
Mr. A. A. Calwell, Australian Immigration Minister, said today that the 600 Chinese wartime refugees in Australia are now being rounded up by immigration officers for deportation and will be sent to Hong Kong as a central point from which they could go to any part of China they choose.

"During the last three years, these people have been asked repeatedly to put their affairs in order, pending a return to their homeland," Mr. Calwell told a press conference.

RAF Pilot Buried At Happy Valley

Full Military honours were accorded to Flying Officer William Rhodes Pickering, Royal Air Force, Kai Tak, as he was laid to rest at the Colonial Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday.

Deceased, aged 25, was killed on the afternoon of August 24 while piloting a Royal Air Force Spitfire to a landing at Kai Tak. The plane belonged to the 80th Squadron which arrived recently in the Colony to reinforce the Colony's defences.

Men from the 80th Squadron served as pall-bearers, carrying the coffin past a escort and a firing squad. Following the coffin as chief mourners were officers of the 80th Squadron.

Mourners Present

Among those who attended were Lieutenant-General F.W. Festing, GOC-in-Chief, Hong Kong, Commander F.J.C. Halahan, representing the Commander, Hong Kong, and Group Captain Warrel, RAF.

Wreaths were sent by the Commanding Officer, officers and men of the 80th Squadron, RAF, the Commanding Officer and officers of RAF, Kai Tak; Air Commodore A.D. Davies and Mrs. Davies; Warrant Officer; and Senior NCO's of RAF, Kai Tak; Junior NCO's and Airmen of RAF, Kai Tak; and the officers and Airmen of Air Headquarters Unit, RAF, Kai Tak.

Britain To Look After American Interests In Canton

Canton, August 24.
The British Consulate-General in Canton today took over representation of American interests in this provisional capital area. The action followed official closure of the American Consulate-General here—the oldest American consular office in China.

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Period Of Detention

"It has been suggested, though without foundation, that Chinese awaiting repatriation may be kept in jail for long periods without being allowed bail," said Mr. Calwell.

The fact is that none will be held for more than a few days, before being placed on a ship or aircraft.

The probability is they would not have been held at all had not the evasive action of hundreds of their group proved that such a method was the only one likely to ensure their departure.

U.S. Laying Off 135,000 Civilian Workers

Washington, August 24.
The United States Secretary of Defense, Mr. Louis Johnson, announced today that 135,000 civilian workers for the armed services would be laid off in his drive to cut military spending.

Naval installations were the hardest hit in the civilian cut. They were ordered to reduce by 70,000, the Army by 41,000 and the Air Force by 18,000.

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One leading stock, Mindanao mother lode, slipped 100 points and gold shares fell 200. A final count said there had been an overall dip of about five per cent in mining shares, with demand weak.

Benquet Consolidated, the Philippine gold mining company whose stock is now being quoted on the New York exchange, made the cheapest sale of unrefined bullion in 18 months. The company, which is largely owned by John Hauserman and a New York financial house, sold slightly less than 100,000 ounces of 999.5 gold for \$40.375 per ounce.

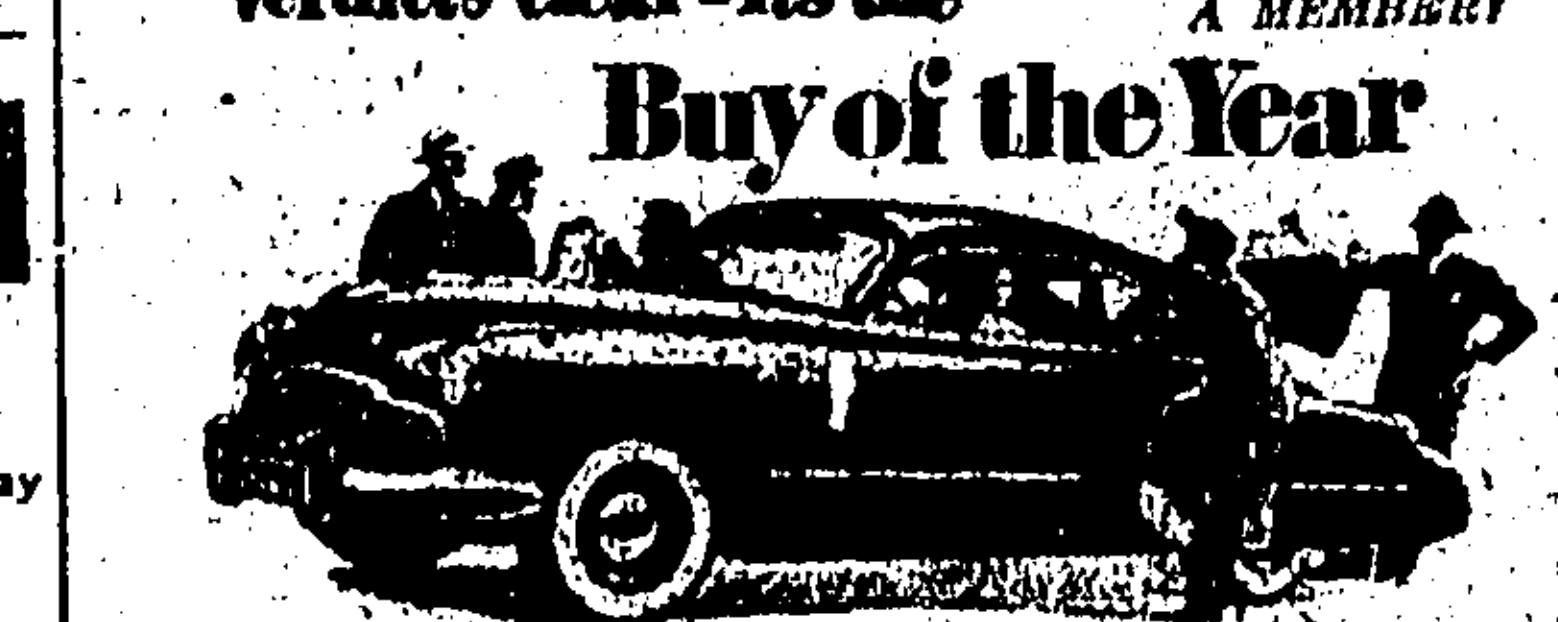
Gold has been falling during the past weeks from the peak of \$50 to a nominal price of \$42 per ounce with no buyers. The free market, which does not observe the international controlled price of \$35 an ounce, has been buoyed by war fed demand for the yellow metal from China. Intense demand for Amoy and other Chinese ports by the Communists has been interpreted here as restraining future trade.—Associated Press.

MELBOURNE DEFENCE TALKS

Melbourne, August 24.
A spokesman of the Australian Ministry of Defence said today that satisfactory progress had been made in the secret defence talks here, expected to end on Friday, between the Australian and New Zealand service chiefs. The conference is discussing defence plans for the South West Pacific, the coordination of defence forces of Australia and New Zealand in an emergency, and closer liaison between these forces in peace time.—Reuters.

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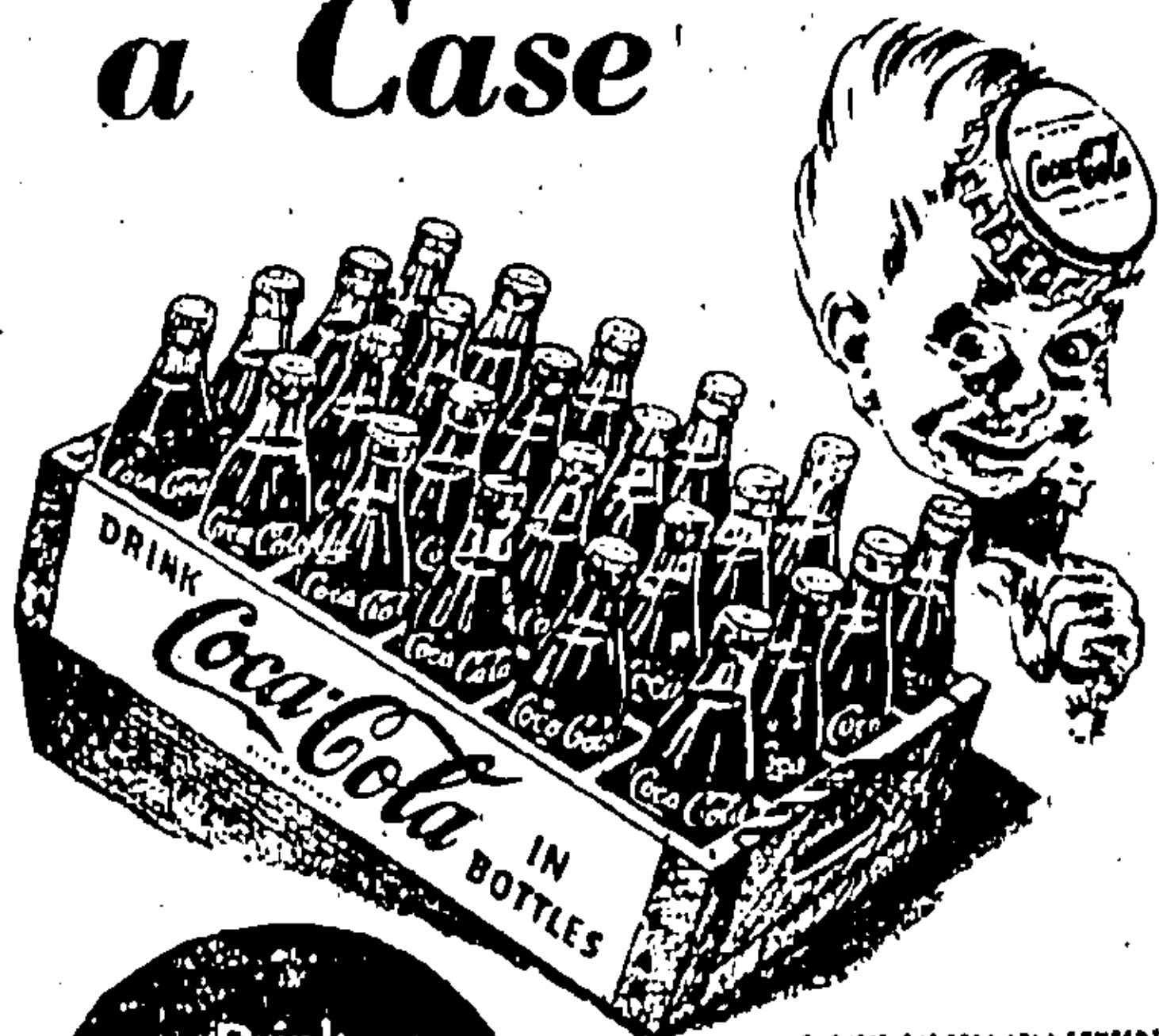


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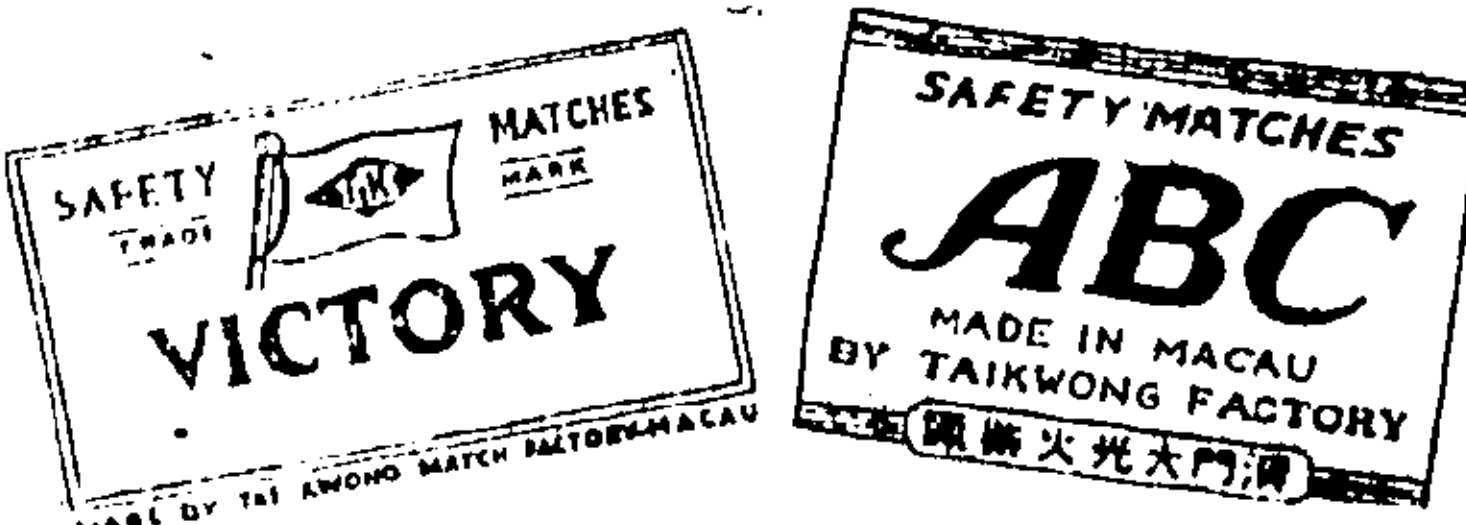
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Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday were Mrs. L. McClelland, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. T. Jeng-ming, Captain and Mrs. A. K. Paulger, Messrs. Wei Hsiung, Wilson Fielder, A. M. Foster, L. R. Phillips, S. G. Davy, N. McLellan, W. F. Williams, A. D. Mack, D. Norton, L. Brown, T. D. Urwin, E. E. Shilling, and Tang Jit.

Messrs. H. B. Ramsden, E. Bruce J. Packer, Eric Deley and T. J. Shelton left for the United Kingdom yesterday by BOAC.

Departures for Bangkok yesterday by BOAC included Messrs. G. J. Manning, E. E. Wallwork, P. M. Ego, E. R. Mansfield, Mrs. M. L. Richardson and Mrs. L. N. Wallwork.

Among those who left for Manila yesterday by Hong Kong Airways were Messrs. Chang Chih-chih, Yen Hsi-hsin, Tsai Chi-kim, C. H. Baker, Chan Hui, Lei Wah, Yee Tso, Chow Loy, Lum Tin, P. J. Donoghue and R. Leuterio.

Courtenay Leaves HK For Manila

Mr. William Courtenay, aviation editor of the London "Daily Graphic," Bromley Newspapers, left Hong Kong yesterday for Manila by PAL. During his stay here he had the honour of lunching with the Governor and Lady Grantham and of dining with Lieutenant General Festing, GOC-in-C.

In an interview Mr. Courtenay said he shall try to return for some weeks at the end of the year after he has re-visited England. I am taking home with me colour movies I have made of the Colony and the defended areas. I hope to give some talks about Hong Kong and its problems before the public.

"Hong Kong has now become the best and most important listening post in the Far East. What happens here may well open a new page in history." Concerning defence, Mr. Courtenay said "today with command of the sea approaches to Hong Kong, with our line of supply to England, Australia and America well protected, and with command of the air here too and with an Army rapidly forming up, we were in an immeasurably different position than in December 1941." There was no comparison, anyone attempting to attack Kowloon or Hong Kong either from within or without would quickly discover the difference—to his cost, he said.

DEFENCE TALKS IN MELBOURNE

Sydney, August 23. Secret talks on defence of the South West Pacific began in Melbourne yesterday.

Representatives of Britain, Australia and New Zealand are discussing plans for the closest co-operation in this area. The talks will continue until the end of the week.

A "Sydney Sun" despatch from Melbourne said:

"The talks hinge on a decision to develop Australia as the main base for the area. Standardisation of organisation and joint use of war potential to facilitate defence is being considered." Associated Press.

Two dental films "Intraorbital Anesthesia" and "Mandibular Anesthesia" both by Drs. Mendel and Hillard Nevin will be screened at the Chinese YMCA at 8 p.m. today.

A Prize Haul



A nine-foot Indian python was killed on Tuesday night near Cape and Wireless installations at Cape D'Agulhar. The python was found creeping towards a chicken house near the foreman's quarters. It was killed by a blow on the head with a heavy stick. Indian pythons are common in the Colony. The dead python was sent to Mr. J. D. Romar, in charge of the Urban Council's Rodent Control section. ("China Mail" Photo.)

Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Council Of Women

Sir,—I have read with horror of the five resolutions passed by the Council of Women of Hong Kong regarding women's rights. Do these militant females not realize that women's place is in the home? As some great mind once remarked, women are suited to kitchens, kids, and cuddling.

When the seek to invade the premises of their lords and masters, they are definitely out of place. Also I am inclined to think that the real working girls of the Colony are much too busy to attend the Council of Women meetings. These gatherings are for leisureed theorist as a welcome break from mah jong or bridge or discussing what the rest of the butleries around are wearing over a cocktail or a cup of tea.

The first resolution damns them as hopelessly ignorant of their subject. Ask any office girl if she would really be happy if she were paid the proper fraction of what a man gets for his labour for the trifles she does. She knows perfectly well that she is there merely to give atmosphere and impress the customers or clients—not for any serious purpose connected with toil.

Presumably para. 2 of the recommendations suggests that feminine intuition would help along government committees. It might brighten them at that. The weight of feminine intuition in public affairs would add a new tax on fools on the same principle as picking racemates at Happy Valley—attacking a pin through the I. and E. list or some such!

Regarding the third recommendation—the advice on the spacing of families—there are few these days who are unable to come up with the right answer when hubby asks "Shall we have a baby or shall we have a Bulek?"

Regarding the proposal for lady probation officers, I think it a splendid idea provided each is equipped with a special body-guard to prevent her bag being snatched or her earrings torn off by the poor little orphans and waifs and strays she is protecting from the cold hard world. There is nothing to turn a young criminals' arse from crime of course like the knowledge that instead of a cop with gun and baton he will be bringing tears to the eyes of a gentle lady probationer.

The idea that Government should appoint an enquiry committee in to the shortage of hostel accommodation is excellent. Might I suggest that Government could revive the excellent hotel committee which sat a while back and gave such great relief to the mulcted residents of those pitiable establishments. Much time would be saved and we can be sure what the result would be.

Of course one solution to finding rooms for working girls with in their means would be to pay them more but then we get round back in a circle to resolution one—back where we started. It really looks like the KKK solution is the best when all is said and done.

HARDBOILED HUBBY.

Sir—Women are demanding equal pay for equal work. That means a lot of feminine typists will be due for a pay cut.

MALE TYPIST.

Public Health

Sir,—May I, through the medium of your columns, draw attention to the fact that it would be well for the Sanitary Department of the Urban Council, in addition to conducting an "Anti-Litter Campaign," to concern itself about the discomfort and inconvenience caused to people in business and/or residing in Gloucester Road Wanchai as a result of the early anchorage each day, of Conservancy vessels along the Gloucester Road waterfront, near Gilman's.

The offensive odour which permeates the entire neighbourhood as a result of the presence of these conservancy vessels is simply overpowering, and at small times in particular is the smell from these vessels most nauseating. Of the fact that night soil coolies do not start going on their rounds until after midnight, might I suggest that the Sanitary Department of the Urban Council arrange for its conservancy vessels to come alongside the waterfront at about midnight, instead of between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. or thereabouts as at present.

In conclusion, it might be pertinent to ask the Chairman of the Urban Council, who is doubtless in the most salubrious surroundings at public expense, how he would feel if he had to live and eat or carry on business under conditions which exist in the Gloucester Road area mentioned.

ONE OF THOSE AFFECTED.

NO MOVEMENT TO BORDER

Vienna, August 23. Allied observers have said categorically tonight that they have seen no evidence of Russian or other troops movements towards Yugoslav borders. They said there are only 10 divisions of Russian troops in Central and South Eastern Europe and these are on essential garrison duty. There has been no evidence of any reinforcement movements such as would be necessary for military action against Yugoslavia, they said.—Reuters.

CNAC Starting Removal Of Workshop Tomorrow

As from tomorrow, CNAC will begin work on the dismantling of their engine overhaul shop and remove it from Kai Tak, with government's one week extension for the Corporation to operate there touching the deadline today.

The Corporation will have two weeks to gather up their equipment from the particular area in question at the North side of Kai Tak, and remove to some other lot.

No alternative site for the workshop has yet been decided upon by CNAC. One high official of the Corporation told the "China Mail" yesterday that Colonel C. Y. Liu will decide where the new workshop is to be set up when he returns to the Colony.

Shanghai-Malay Rubber Estates

The Shanghai-Malay Rubber Estates Limited held its 34th annual general meeting at Marina House yesterday when the following report for the year ended December 31, 1948, was presented.

Area. The area of the Estates on December 31, 1948 was as follows—

Mature Rubber	1,452
Immature Rubber	205
Nurseries	5
	1,662
Plantable Reserve Land	67
Buildings, Waste Land, etc.	48
	1,777

The producing area was increased by the inclusion of 84 acres which became tappable during the year. This year 53 acres of Reserve Land have been planted with rubber.

Output for year 1947, 651,106 lbs.; 1948, 741,270 lbs. Estimated output for next financial year 850,000 lbs.; 1948, 700,000 lbs.

Working costs of production per lb., excluding rehabilitation 26.19 S.S. cents; 31.16 S.S. cents.

Sales during year 523,274 lbs.; 691,201 lbs.

Average price realised, per lb. 31.19 S.S. cents; 34.11 S.S. cents.

Stock at end of year 127,832 lbs.; 80,009 lbs.

Valuation of stock, per lb. since realised 32.45 S.S. cents; 35.17 S.S. cents.

Average acreage tapped during year 1,001 acres; 1,333 acres. Yield per annum per acre tapped 614 lbs.; 557 lbs.

Labour has been somewhat scarce. Heavy rainfall throughout the year caused a serious loss in crop.

Factory and Machinery. The new Central Factory operated during the year. The costs of manufacture are still too high and energetic steps are being taken to reduce them.

Buildings. It will be necessary to repair the senior conductor's bungalow and to recondition some coolie lines during 1949.

Rehabilitation. An amount of H.K.\$18,354 was spent in 1948 on rehabilitation, making the total spent to date H.K.\$216,683. In addition H.K.\$40,809 has been spent on replanting areas cut by the Japanese. This has been deducted from Capital Revaluation Reserve.

Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1948. The net profit for the year is H.K.\$24,184. The balance of Appropriation Account brought forward was H.K.\$44,023. After deducting further expenditure on account of previous years H.K.\$42,740, and adding the profit for the year, the total to the credit of the Appropriation Account is H.K.\$66,747, which year Directors recommend be dealt with as follows—

To Transfer to General Reserve H.K.\$50,000

To Carry forward 15,747

H.K.\$65,747

After the report had been adopted, Mr. W. A. Welch was re-elected to the Board, and Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-appointed auditors.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. Welch. Others present were Mr. H. Macdonell (Director), Mr. C. E. Abbel (representing the Secretaries and General Managers, J. A. Wattie and Company Limited), and shareholders representing 39,440 shares.

Yuen Iot, aged 25, hawkler, was yesterday given the option of the fine of \$100 or four weeks by Mr. Hin-shing Lo for illegal possession of a telegraph.

Defendant who was arrested at Queen's Road Central by the police on the receipt of information, said that he had fished the camera out of the harbour.

The prosecution said that the camera is believed to belong to Mr. Bui, whose car was found in the harbour in November last year.

Colony's July Trade Figures

Imports of merchandise into the Colony during July amounted to a declared value of \$191,355,625 as compared with \$167,050,390 in July last year. The figures include Government-sponsored cargoes.

Exports of merchandise totalled a declared value of \$194,991,534 as compared with \$135,887,660 in July, 1948.

Imports during the first seven months of 1949 amounted to a declared value of \$1,423,160,919 as compared with \$1,148,022,444 in the first seven months of last year.

Exports totalled \$1,175,124,762 as compared with \$833,660,306.

British Ship Turned Back By Nationalists

The British steamer reported to have been turned back to Hong Kong by the Chinese Navy when attempting to run the blockade at Shanghai was identified last evening as the 800-ton freighter Sin Soon Lee.

The owners, who declined identification, reported that the only information available was that the Sin Soon Lee was ordered back and is now en route from the North.

The freighter left the Colony on August 13 for Tientsin with about 1,000 drums of caustic soda and about 400 tons of general local cargo. She has no passengers.

The Sin Soon Lee, of British Registry (Singapore), arrived here early this year from the Straits and was one of the few British steamers to ply between Hong Kong and Communist ports.

She entered port on May 27 from Yungku after a successful barter bargain with the Reds for Manchurian products.

Mr. W. Burrow is master of the 40-man personnel, which consists of three Britons, including the master, and 37 Asians, mostly Chinese.

First information of the incident came from Taipei when Associated Press reported that the Nationalist Naval Headquarters said on August 23 that a British merchantman had been turned back from an attempt to enter Shanghai.

The message further said that Chinese warships ordered the unidentified vessel back to Hong Kong.

The Sin Soon Lee is due to arrive here during this week.

ss. Wusueh Prepared For Pirate Attacks

The ss. Wusueh is today armed with two machine guns and more than 10 automatic repeating rifles for defence against threatening bands of pirates along its regular run to Canton. Hundreds of sandbags have been piled up on the side railings of the ship for protection against pirate-boarding parties and firing from shore.

An officer of the Wusueh said: "For additional protection, we black-out the ship for more than 20 miles after we leave Canton."

In the forward part of the ship, half-inch steel iron bars protect the steering helm and officers' quarters against pirates disguised as passengers.

The officer added: "If pirates seriously attempt to board or damage this ship, they will pay a high casualty toll for it."

"We have recently increased our pirate guards, and will fight to a man if pirates attempt to attack or board us."

Yesterday, the Wusueh brought more than 20 private cars to Hong Kong sent here by Canton evacuees.

They also brought tons of office equipment belonging to the United States Consulate, Embassy and Information Service, evacuated from Canton last week.

The officer said that more than 60 private cars were still in Canton ready for shipment.

Eight British passengers, three Canadian, one American and one German passenger arrived in Hong Kong from Canton yesterday by the ss. Wusueh.

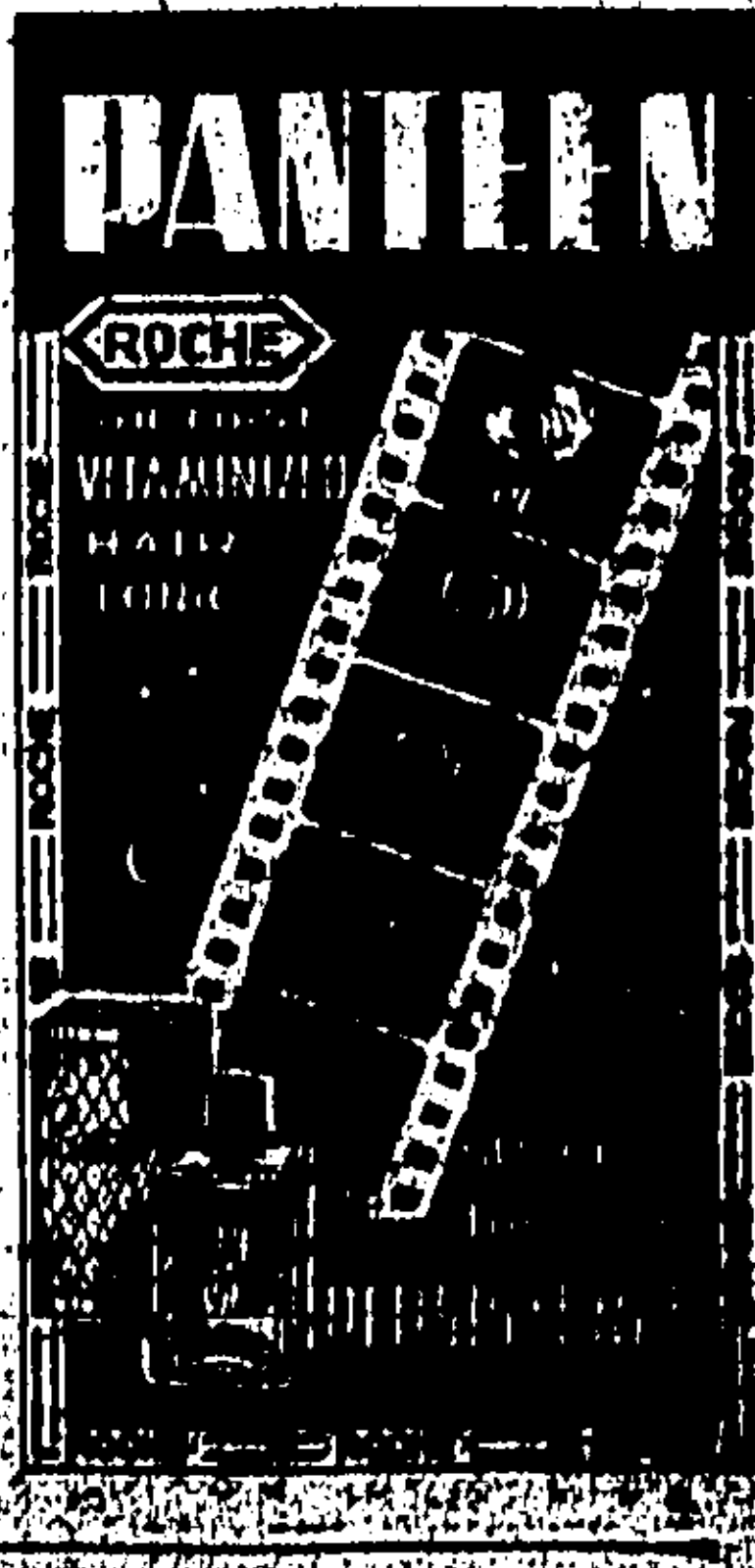
There were also 210 Chinese passengers.

Among the foreign passengers were Mr. John R. Liley, Rev. Leonard E. Hickin, Mr. Ian Morrison, Mr. Daphne Garrard, Mrs. D. M. Buckle, Mrs. Patricia Mary Buckle, Miss Virginia Ruth Amber, and Mr. Fritz Albert Kretschmar.

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Reminders

Today

Piano Recital by pupils of C. W. Marian Lau, St. Paul's Girls' School, 5:30 p.m.
Kowloon Rotary Club, Luncheon (closed meeting), Peninsula Hotel, 12:30 p.m.
Y's Men's Club of Hong Kong, Luncheon at the Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12:45 p.m.
The Harpist's, Variety Show for Troops, European YMCA, 8 p.m.
HK Football Referees Association, opening meeting, Football Association's office, Prince's Bldg., 6 p.m.
Kowloon Cricket Club, meeting in Clubhouse, 7:15 p.m.
HK Stockholders in Margaret Operated, Philippine Gold Mines, inaugural meeting, HK Stock Exchange, 5:30 p.m.
HK Union Church, Ladies' Guild meeting, Helena May Institute, 3 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
HK Light Orchestra rehearsal for Singapore, St. John's Cathedral hall, 7 p.m.
BOAC Cocktail Party, Jacobson Room, HK Hotel, 7 p.m.
SATURDAY
Kowloon Chamber of Commerce Society, classical concert, Diocesan Boys' School, 8:15 p.m.
European YMCA, swimming picnic at Silverstrand Beach, 2:30 p.m.
SUNDAY
The H. Classical Concert, 30, Macdonald Road, 8:15 p.m.
European YMCA, swimming picnic at Silverstrand Beach, 2:30 p.m.
Special Service to commemorate British Fleet entry into Hong Kong Harbour in 1919, St. John's Cathedral, 10:15 a.m.

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A curfew will be imposed on part of the Clearwater Bay peninsula beginning next month, it was officially stated yesterday. The area affected is being used for military storage purposes. The proposed curfew is to safeguard the stores.

Sua Manggis Rubber Co. Meeting

Sua Manggis Rubber Company Limited, at its 34th annual general meeting held at Marina House yesterday, reported a loss of HK\$28,073 on working account for the year ended December 31, 1948.

The Directors' report presented to the meeting was as follows:—
Area: The area of the Estate on December 31, 1948 was as follows:—
Mature Rubber 541
Immature Rubber 50
Total Rubber 591
Plantable Land 30
Foodstuffs 23
Buildings, Waste Land, etc. 58
802
Production
Output for year 1947, 188,300 lbs.
1948, 201,450 lbs.
Estimated output for next financial year 227,000 lbs.
Working cost of production per lb. excluding rehabilitation 1947 39.72 S.S. cents; 1948, 40.71 S.S. cents.
Sales during year 1947, 162,395 lbs.; 1948, 179,527 lbs.
Average price realized, per lb. 1947 32.19 S.S. cents; 1948, 33.88 S.S. cents.
Stock at end of year 1947, 25,905 lbs. 1948, 21,923 lbs.
Valuation of stock, per lb. since realized 1947, 30.44 S.S. cents; 1948, 35.45 S.S. cents.
Average acreage tapped during year 1947, 560 acres; 1948, 591 acres.
Yield per unit per acre tapped 1947, 333 lbs.; 1948, 368 lbs.
No estimate of production has been made for 1949 as, owing to the present low price of rubber, the Directors have decided to investigate the possibility of putting the Estate on a care and maintenance basis and to cease production.

Labour: Cost of labour is again higher than the previous year. The Estate is unattractive to labour, and highly skilled men will not work there except at a prohibitive wage. The wages paid during the year were recommended by the Malayan Planting Industries Employers Association.

Factory and Machinery: All machinery is in fair condition. Buildings generally are in poor condition.

Rehabilitation expenditure for the year amounted to HK\$5,484, which has been deducted from Capital Reserve. Reserve HK\$28,073 had been spent on Rehabilitation up to the end of 1948.

After the report and accounts were adopted, Mr. W. A. Welch was re-elected to the Board, and Lowe Bingham and Matthews were re-appointed auditors.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. Welch. Others present were Mr. H. Kadoorie (Director), Mr. C. E. Abbas (representing the Secretaries and General Managers, J. A. Wattle and Company Limited), and shareholders representing 35,400 shares.

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

The forthcoming wedding of Petty Officer Geoffrey Edward James Embury, RM, of HMS Belfast, and Miss Kathleen Lilian Mabel Rose Turley, WRAC, of Headquarters Land Forces, Hong Kong, has been announced.

PI "Goodwill Campaign" To Attract Tourists

Hong Kong tourists visiting the Philippines will welcome the "goodwill campaign" undertaken by the Philippines to promote and encourage their tourist industry.

New instructions have been issued with the sole intention of expediting the examination and clearance of passenger baggage and curbing smuggling and other fraudulent practices.

Customs and other Government agents have to exercise the utmost courtesy and tact in dealing with visitors as to minimize any injury upon the susceptibilities of any individual.

An official shall not ask or receive money or article from any passenger, even if voluntarily and willingly given.

Before any property of the visitor is opened, the authorities should help him through the formal Customs procedure, such questions as "Have you anything to declare?" should be decided by the Customs Officer, and not by the Customs Assistant.

Where a Customs Officer is unable to decide, he should refer the matter to the Customs Officer in charge.

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Factory Building Requisitioned

The Quartering Authority has requisitioned a disused factory building for the Department of Supplies and Distribution. It is to be used as a food storage go-down.

The address is Nos. 40 to 54, Tung Choi Street, Kowloon (K.L.L. 2117). Before the war it was operated by the Tung Hing Knitting Company.

Six Months For Putting Salt In Petrol Tank

A sentence of six weeks' hard labour without option was imposed on Yau Siu-man by Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday after defendant had been convicted on Monday on a charge of causing malicious damage.

Yau had been found guilty of having put salt into the petrol tank of a private car. In the hearing on Monday, it was revealed that Yau had received the sum of \$20 from the driver of the car as tea money for having introduced the latter to the job. Yau however denied the allegation that the money was for the "tea" purpose. He claimed that the \$20 had been accepted by him from the driver as a loan.

In passing sentence yesterday, Mr. Wicks remarked that defendant who had no employment was of a dangerous type, preying upon innocent working people. The magistrate added that it was of particular significance that defendant, who has had no work since June, was able to put up the \$20 bail Mr. Wicks directed the option of a fine, sending Yau to serve six weeks' hard labour. Defendant had a previous conviction.

RENEWAL OF GAME LICENCES

Game Licences are due for renewal from September 1. It was officially announced yesterday.

To qualify for their licence for 1949 30 holders should endorse and forward their 1948/49 game licence with the existing photograph intact, by letter to the Officer-in-Charge, Arms Office Central Police Station. No money or cheques should be enclosed.

Those who do not wish to renew their 1948/49 game licence are requested to endorse and return their old licence to the Officer-in-Charge, Arms Office by letter before September 30.

Pang Moh-wang, aged 40, merchant, was fined \$50 by Mr. Hing-shing Lo at Central yesterday for exporting unmanifested cargo.

Armed Robber's Appeal Dismissed By Court

"You have been convicted of a typical armed robbery, and you have received a typical sentence," remarked Sir Leslie Gibson, Chief Justice, to Chong Chi-ming, alias Chong Chi-yau, at the Full Court yesterday, when he dismissed the latter's appeal against severity of sentence.

Chong, aged 22, was convicted on June 27, for robbery by two or more and sentenced to nine years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane by Mr. Justice Scholes, acting Puisne Judge.

The appellant told the Court, which comprised Sir Leslie and Mr. Justice Gould, Puisne Judge, that the sentence imposed on him was too long a term. He had an aged mother and he was afraid that by the time he was released, he would not be able to see her any more.

Sir Leslie replied by pointing out that appellant had taken part in an armed robbery, in which a revolver was used, tied and gagged his victims and made off with \$2,400 in jewellery. As the prisoner had been convicted of a typical armed robbery, he had received a typical sentence, the Chief Justice added. "That being so, we cannot interfere."

A second appellant, Wong Ping, aged 21, also had his appeal against his conviction of robbery by two or more dismissed yesterday. Wong, who was given six years and 12 strokes on June 22 by Mr. Justice Williams, senior Puisne Judge, also asked the Court to reduce his sentence. He pleaded that he knew nothing about the robbery for which he was convicted.

Wong was told by the Chief Justice that the Court had read the Judge's summing up to the jury, which heard his case, and had found that the Judge had properly directed the jury. Wong was also told that the Court was not a court of appeal, and that he must accept the Judge's verdict.

Annual General Meeting Of Tanah Merah Estates

A net profit of HK\$132,871.75 was made by The Tanah Merah Estates (1916) Limited for the year ended March 31, 1949. This was shown in the report and accounts presented at the 28th annual general meeting of the Company, held at Marina House yesterday.

In his statement the Chairman said the year's expenditure on replanting and upkeep of replanting, amounting to HK\$80,289.78, has again been deducted from Capital Reserve.

"Investment Reserve show a reduction of \$7,388.88, as the nominal value of \$7,200 of Chinese Government Reorganisation Loan Bonds and Shanghai-Hangchow Railway Completion Bonds, purchased prior to the War, has been written off. A further \$138.88 was written off the value of Gunong (Ins) shares to bring these to their par value of Malayan \$1 each.

"About 25 per cent of the estate's output of dry rubber was manufactured into shoe sole crepe during the year under review. This crepe continues to enjoy the good reputation built up on the London market over the past three years, and in order to enable the Manager of the estate to work the factory for crepe production to its fullest capacity, your Directors have recently sanctioned expenditure of \$850,000 on the purchase of a new 110 h.p. engine and finishing rollers.

The old engine was 823 h.p. and had been badly treated during the Japanese occupation. Some of the old machinery has also been replaced by more modern types (with the result that this engine had gradually become overloaded and was therefore subject to frequent breakdowns with consequent interruption in production).

"The installation of the new engine and rollers is proceeding as rapidly as possible and there is every hope that the production of sole crepe will go ahead more smoothly and be increased when the new equipment is working.

"The producing area consists of 3,224 acres, the greater part of which, 2,723 acres, was planted prior to 1926. Many of the fields in this area are yielding at a very low rate per acre per annum, and the replanting of the whole over a period of years is an urgent task. One hundred and sixty acres were prepared for replanting during 1948 and a further 215 acres are being prepared for replanting during October/November of this year.

"Your Directors have sanctioned the purchase of mechanical equipment to enable the managers to work these replanting areas as rapidly as possible. Of the balance of 501 acres of the producing area, 99 acres were planted in 1930 and are yielding at the rate of 1,160 lbs. per acre per annum. 55 acres planted in 1936 are yielding at the rate of about 1,200 lbs. per acre per annum, and the balance, 347 acres, planted 1937/41 are yielding between 500 lbs. and 700 lbs. per acre per annum. But it is confidently anticipated that the average yield will be in excess of 1,000 lbs. per acre per annum as soon as all the trees are in tapping and the areas have fully recovered from the neglect suffered during the war years.

"In view of the expenditure to be incurred on the present replanting programme and the prospective purchase of mechanical equipment for it, also the purchase of new machinery for crepe processing, coupled with the decline in the price of rubber, your Directors have very reluctantly decided not to recommend the payment of a dividend. They trust, therefore, that Shareholders will agree to the recommendation to place \$70,000 to Provision for Replanting and carry forward \$74,743.22 to the next account.

After the report and accounts were adopted, Mr. H. R. M. Cleland was re-elected to the Board, and Lowe Bingham and Matthews were re-appointed auditors.

The meeting was Presided over by Mr. W. M. Mellor. Others present were Mr. H. R. M. Cleland and Mr. E. B. McArthur (Directors), Mr. C. J. Smith (representing the General Managers, A. R. Buckle and Sons Limited) and shareholders representing 168,944 shares.

MENACES CASE CONTINUES

Further evidence for the prosecution was given at the trial of Kui Chi-chun, unemployed, at its third hearing yesterday before the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Gould.

Kui, charged with two counts each of uttering a letter demanding money with intent to defraud, and possession of a letter demanding money with intent to defraud, is defended by Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. P. J. Griffiths, of Wilkinsons and Grist.

Accused is alleged to have written and posted two threatening letters on June 8 and 11 demanding \$20,000 from Cheung Yik-thi, manager of an iron works.

Kui is further alleged to have fallen into a police trap when he went to collect a dummy package which the complainant, as instructed in the letters, laid on a certain hillside in Kowloon.

Mr. A. Hooton Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector H. Tyler, is prosecuting.

Further evidence had been given yesterday by Inspector, when the hearing was adjourned until 10 this morning.

One gold bar weighing approximately five taels was ordered to be confiscated by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

The gold was found on a 32-year-old married woman, Pang Kwong-po, when she arrived by plane from Canton on August 23. The gold was found concealed in a false compartment of Pang's suitcase.

Wong Pui, the first of the prisoners, claimed that he did not know the appeal would come up so soon. He was going to engage a solicitor to act for him. He had been expecting some money from his people in Singapore for which to do so, he said. Wong asked for an adjournment of the appeal.

Wong further claimed he had nothing to do with the case against him, alleging that somebody else had got him into this trouble. He was not satisfied with the evidence that had been given in Court which was full of discrepancies. He asked the Court to adjourn the appeal.

In upholding the convictions and sentences, the Chief Justice said there was abundant evidence against them on all counts, and that the Court was not a court of appeal, and that he must accept the Judge's verdict.

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NOTICE

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2. Holders wishing to renew their licence for 1949/50 should so endorse and forward their 1948/49 game licence with the existing photograph intact thereon, by letter to the Officer in Charge, Arms Office, Central Police Station. No money or cheques should be enclosed.

3. An acknowledgment of receipt, containing instructions as to further renewal action will be sent to the address registered on the old licence. This acknowledgment should be carried by the addressee when shooting game during the period of renewal.

4. Persons not wishing to renew their 1948/49 game licences are requested to so endorse and return their old licence to the Officer in Charge, Arms Office by letter before September 30, 1949.

5. Persons found shooting game with an expired licence after September 30, 1949 are liable to prosecution and confiscation of their gun and ammunition.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

August 25, 1949.

POLICE NOTICE

Licensing Office will be closed on Friday, August 26 and renewal of Drivers' Licences Nos. 8401 to 9600 may be renewed either on Thursday, August 25, (the usual hours) or on Saturday, August 27 from 09.15 to 11.00 hours.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

August 22, 1949.

NOTICE

ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB

PIRATES BALL

Saturday, 17th September Buffet Supper, Dancing 8-2. Dress—Eye Patches, etc. Cutlasses to be left at the door. Corkage will be charged on kegs of Rum. Tickets up to a.m. Thursday, 14th, \$15.00. From p.m. Thursday, 14th, \$18.00.

NOTICE

TREASURY

The public is hereby notified that owing to extensive structural alterations, it has been found necessary to close the Treasury Revenue Branch and the Stamp Office, Prince's Building, Ground Floor, on Monday, August 29, 1949. As Tuesday, August 30 is a public holiday, the Revenue Branch will therefore be closed to the public from 1 p.m. on Saturday, the 27th, till 9 a.m. on Wednesday, August 31, 1949.

H. R. HIRST, Accountant General.

August 23, 1949.

NOTICE

GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT REMINDER

All registered nurses who are not in Government service are reminded that their names will be excluded from the nurses register if the retention fee of \$2 is not paid before the end of September, 1949.

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Hong Kong, August 23, 1949.

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Tokyo Rose Trial Continues

San Francisco, August 23.

The government undertook to show today that the Tokyo Rose wartime broadcasts were more than innocent entertainment—that they contained grisly propaganda about amputations, loss of eyes and shattered nerves.

Mrs. Iva Toguri D'Aquino, American born, is accused of treason for broadcasting Japanese "Zero Hour" programmes.

A key defence witness, Morimura Reyes, former Lieutenant in the Philippine Army, was under cross examination. As a prisoner of war, the Japanese had used him on the wartime radio Tokyo activities.

Chief prosecutor Tom de Wolfe asked Reyes if he heard references to the Okinawa fighting, on the Zero Hour programme in July 1944, as follows:

"Originally most of the wounds were simple fractures, but the number of amputations is increasing and so is the number of eyes lost."

Reyes answered he had heard many things about Okinawa, including casualties.

De Wolfe then asked if he heard this:

"Any GI going home is a damned lucky guy if he can walk off the gangplank at San Francisco on his own two feet and see the way down with his own two eyes."

Reyes said he had not heard that.

The witness did admit that he had written into Zero Hour broadcasts references to shattered nerves.

De Wolfe asked him if he thought this was entertainment.

Reyes said he did.

Earlier, the prosecutor gained a reluctant admission from Reyes that he told FBI agents, while held in a prison camp in the Philippines, that he had informed Japanese officials that he wanted to work in radio in Japan.—Associated Press.

STRATO-BOMBERS IN ENGLAND

London, August 23. Twenty-eight B-50 strato-bombers of the U. S. Air Force's 43rd Bombardment Group have arrived in England from their Tucson, Arizona, base. They are here for a 90-day training mission.

Among the giant B-50s is the "Lucky Lady" which circled the globe non-stop earlier this year. The strato-bombers will make flights over Europe and the Atlantic. The Third Air Division said the mission is normal training routine for keeping the U.S. Air Force able to fly to this part of the world at any time.—Associated Press.

TO STUDY JAP ARSENALS

Manila, August 23. Philippine Army technicians have been sent to Japan to study layout, arrangements and the operation of Japanese arsenals. The step is said to be in line with the Government's proposal to construct munitions plants at strategic places in the Philippines. Machinery and equipment for the project are to be taken from Japanese arsenals, the report said.—Reuter.

JUDGE ROBBED ON RIVIERA

Cannes, August 23. Judge Louis Goldstein, chairman of the Board of Judges of King's County, New York, reported today that travellers' cheques and jewellery worth US\$9,000 to \$10,000, and his passport were stolen from his hotel room here on Sunday night.

Mr. Goldstein arrived here at the end of last week on his way to Israel, where he planned an inspection tour for United Jewish Appeal and the Hadassah Society of New York.—United Press.



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More Food, Less Flowers For Germans

Frankfurt, August 22.

The European recovery administrator Mr. Paul Hoffman, today told the Germans they ought to start planting "victory gardens" with less flowers and more food.

Mr. Hoffman made his remarks at a press conference here during his fact-finding tour of Marshall Plan nations.

Asked by a German reporter about plant dismantling, Mr. Hoffman snapped: "Bury it."

He added that the Germans ought to pay more attention to maintaining factories still standing than shouting complaints about the relatively small number being dismantled.

"I would say as long as the country needs food desperately, they should grow less flowers and more food," he said.

Of the situation among Marshall Plan nations, Mr. Hoffman said: "Every participating nation has made real progress along democratic lines. Every country has made great progress toward fiscal stability."

Four Points Plan

He added the economic problems of Western Europe would not be solved by currency devaluation alone. He proposed for Germany this four-point recovery programme:

1. Development of agriculture. "All your citizens can participate in conserving food imports. Small home vegetable gardens instead of flower gardens, if cultivated all over Western Germany, can make enormous differences to the number of food items which Germany must import."

2. Recapture of German industrial competence through free competitive economy.

3. Reform of German finance. The primary need of this newly-emergent Germany was that its political, business, labour and agricultural leaders demonstrate truly European loyalty in order that Germany may take its place in the community of nations and contribute most to its own reconstruction, he added.

—United Press.

DISMANTLING OF OIL PLANT

Duesseldorf, August 22. The British Government today ordered the dismantling of the Auhroel synthetic oil plant at Bottrop in the Ruhr.

It will be allocated for reparations.

The plant is on the list of prohibited industries. Certain parts of the factory will be retained, including all the mining plant and workshops and the electric power plant.—Reuter.



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WHAT ARE THE ODDS? SOME cautious players will never bid a grand slam unless they feel it is absolutely certain to succeed. So much is at stake, with both the game and the small slam risked, that they will not venture beyond six-odd except when they can see the assurance of taking thirteen tricks, or at least think they can. Actually, that is almost as unwound as never bidding a game except with a sure thing. The odds must be very heavily in favour of making the grand slam, in order for its bid to be sound, but they don't have to be 100 to 0.

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4 NT	Pass	5 H	Pass	
5 NT	Pass	6 D	Pass	
6 S	Pass	7 S	Pass	
2 1 S	Pass	3 H	Pass	
3 S	Pass	4 NT	Pass	
5 H	Pass	5 NT	Pass	
6 H	Pass	6 S	Pass	

There were two divergent courses of action by venturesome pairs that tied for top on this deal in a match-point duplicate. In the first, case South learned that North lacked one of the missing kings, and in the second case North learned that South lacked one of them. Yet that in-

formation did not keep either pair out of the grand slam. After the game, North at Table 1 was asked why he went to the grand slam when South had stopped at small slam. He explained that his partner felt strong enough to probe for the grand slam with the 6-No Trump and therefore surely had both of the missing aces. His own distribution was so good that he was willing to seek the big slam. South had the trump 5, while was likely from the bidding. Strong didn't there was still chance to catch it in the finesse since North had the A-Q.

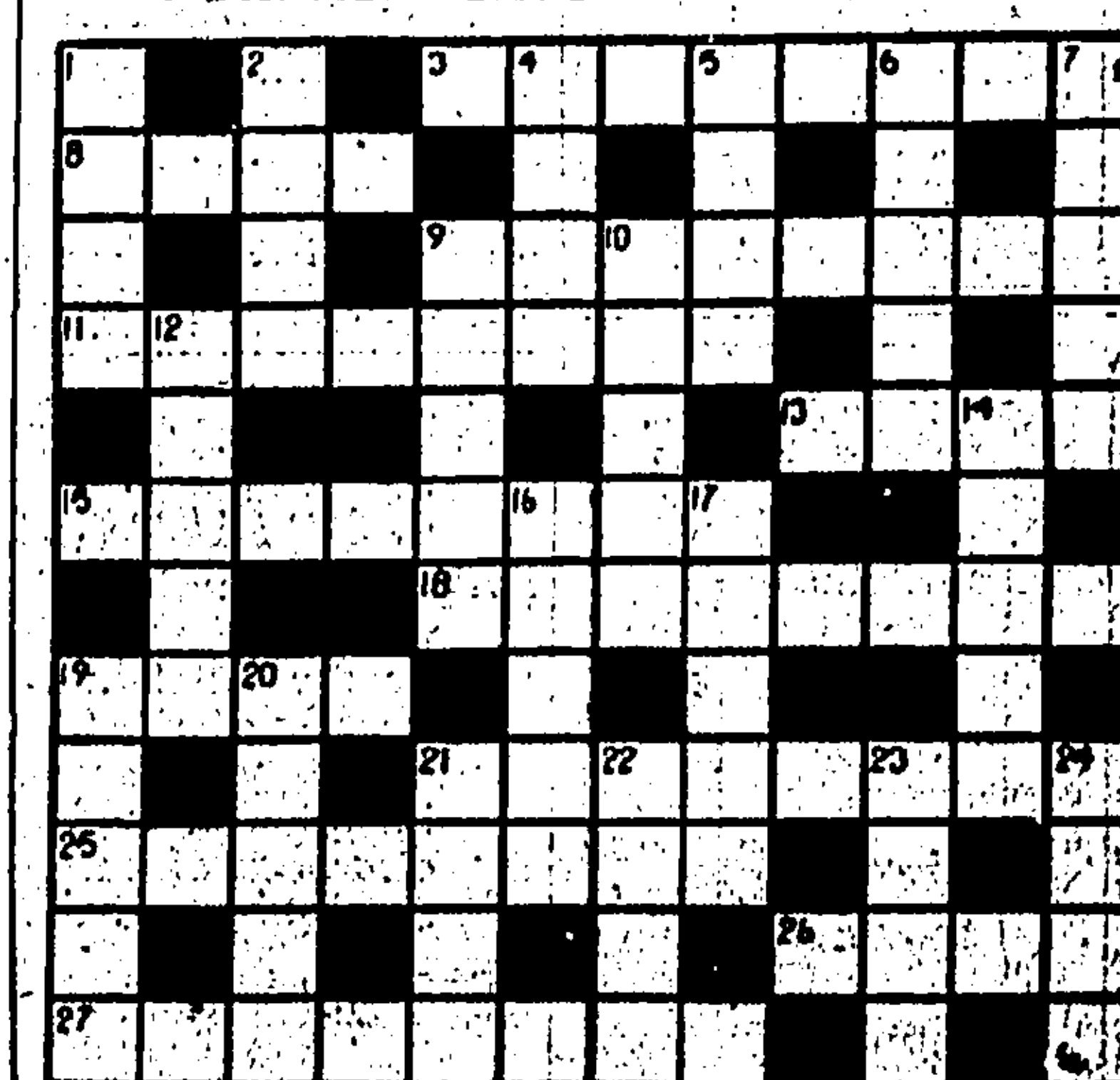
At the other table, where North learned South had both missing aces and two of the three missing kings, he reckoned the chances 2 to 1 South had the spade K, and in addition, there was the chance of a successful finesse. Since the finesse worked, the slam bid paid both of the pairs.

Tomorrow's Problem S 6 5 2 H 7 4 D A K J 10 2 C A Q 9

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(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable.)

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ASSEMBLY DELEGATES CRITICISE SELFISH NATIONAL POLICIES

SCAP Statement On Japan Due

Tokyo, August 23. General Douglas MacArthur will issue a special statement on September 2, anniversary of the Japanese surrender four years ago. It was learned today by United Press.

It is expected that the statement from General MacArthur would touch on both political and economic points and that the general tone of his remarks would be favourable to the Japanese.

The fourth anniversary of the surrender finds Japan making considerable progress in most of all fields of endeavour. It is considered likely that the Supreme Commander might review this progress and outline the future of this nation.—United Press.

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Delegates to the European Assembly—striving for unity among the 12-member nations—today criticised selfish national policies as a root cause of the grave economic crisis.

Appealing for swifter action, M. Paul Reynaud, former French Finance Minister and an international authority, said, "Everyone agrees that between the two giants we must have a Europe, but it must not be a fragmented Europe. We must realise how great is the need in every one of our countries for a European market with a single currency."

The Organisation for European Economic Co-Operation had failed because the OEEC representatives are the advocates of their own countries, he added.

The British Conservative representative, Mr. David Eccles, another recognised economic expert, told delegates that if neither the fear of Communism nor the flow of Marshall Aid dollars was strong enough to pull down trade barriers, there must be some fundamental obstacle which cries out for fresh minds, fresh ideas, fresh courage. The OEEC was meeting new difficulties all the time because the nations of Europe had made no attempt to reconcile their political principles and structures. Mr. Eccles declared under the instructions of his Minister of Department. They cannot produce a common programme to expand European trade and if they did their governments would turn it down.

Mr. R. G. MacKay, British Labour representative, also stated that OEEC had failed to integrate Europe's economy and urged the Assembly to take over the economic co-operation and OEEC, "or negotiate with them so that we work together with them in some way."

Spirited Defence
Mr. Hugh Dalton, British Minister and former Chancellor of the Exchequer, put forward a spirited defence of the Labour Government's economic policy. He also criticised Mr. Winston Churchill whom he numbered among well known men who had created false impressions in recent speeches.

In a speech highlighting the opening of the two-day economic debate, M. Reynaud said, "Europe's position is tragic. The amount of our industrial material is a tragic when compared to that of the United States. Europe has been living from hand to mouth, first by means of loans, then grants and now by means of Marshall Aid."

It seemed that Europe could not regain her health, M. Reynaud declared. "If this sums should become smaller next year, or if Marshall Aid should end before June 3, 1952, and we have not reached agreement, then, due to lack of dollars we shall not be able to obtain certain raw materials."

"This will mean that some of our factories will cease working and that workers will become unemployed."

"This would result in a victory for Stalin."

Urging Governments to have the courage to face unpopularity, the Frenchman said, "Time is not on our side. We have to tell the people that what is at stake is not only our standard of living, our material well-being. We have to think of our right to speak, our right to believe, our right to be men."

Mr. Dalton, criticised a speech by Mr. Churchill which attacked the British Government for spending £200,000,000 in gifts and loans to other countries. "I do not agree with him," Mr. Dalton said.

Proud Of Action
"On the contrary, I am proud that my country has been able to play this important and generous part in helping the recovery of some of our best friends in Europe."

"Such practical help upon such a scale does more, I think, to strengthen the sense of European unity and comradeship than many eloquent speeches."

Mr. Dalton said it was clear that there had been much misunderstanding and lack of

accurate information about the extent of Britain's recovery.

Reviewing the economic situation Mr. Dalton made these points:

Of the European countries only Sweden and Denmark show a more rapid increase than Britain in post-war industrial production.

The British volume of exports is definitely higher than that of any other country here, he said.

British export prices have increased much less than the corresponding prices of Belgium and Sweden and by about the same as Switzerland and the United States.

Mr. Dalton said that despite these achievements and those of other countries represented, they all faced a very grave dollar problem. Unity of Europe was impossible without a plan for Europe as a whole and in practice it is impossible to have a plan for Europe as a whole without a large measure of planning within each European country.—Reuter.

Foreigners In S'hai Customs

Shanghai, August 23. Foreign employees of the Shanghai Maritime Customs are still on their jobs but it appears their days are numbered.

The pro-Communist "Wen Wei Pao" said that because all Customs business will be transacted in the Chinese language instead of English, all the 140 foreign employees were "resigning and applying for permits to return to their native countries."

Seventy-two foreign workers of the huge complex Customs organisation have already passed the retirement period, merely staying on to help during the interim. They are due to leave shortly.

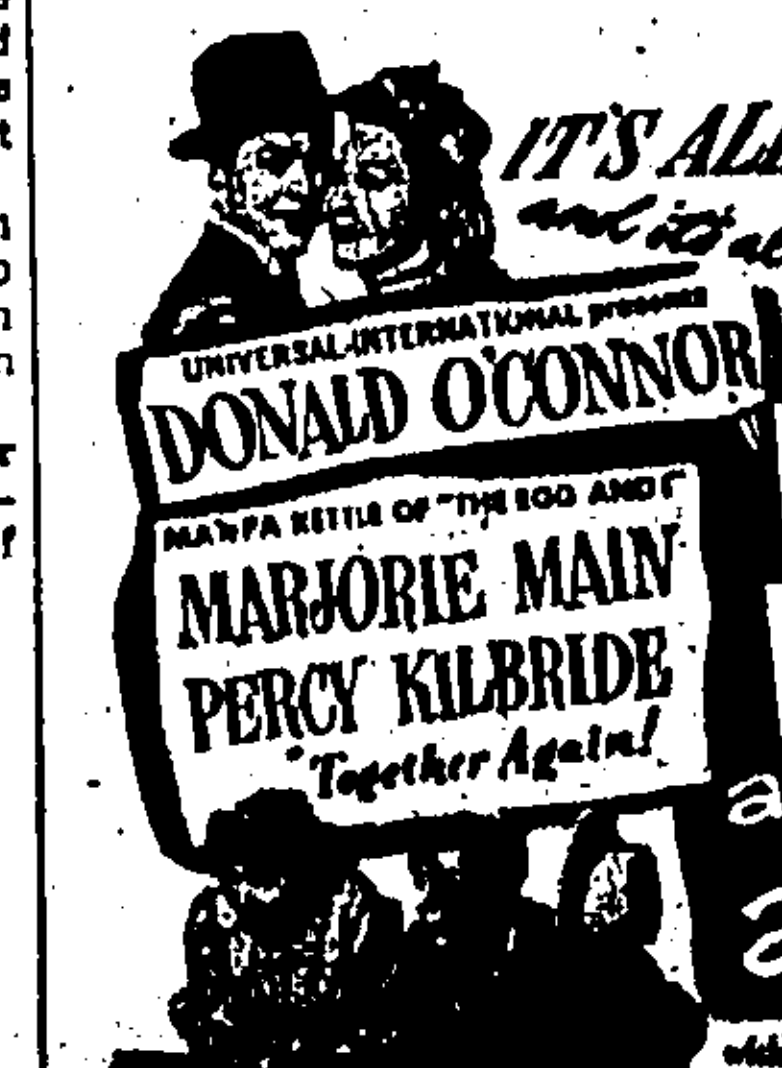
Expect To Leave
Most of the other 68 are undecided what to do, but a majority expect to leave eventually since they do not believe foreign experts will be wanted in the Customs service by the Communists.

Shanghai's Customs service is among the world's largest. At the peak, Shanghai was one of the largest maritime commerce centres in the world. Shanghai commerce has been dwindling until it is now negligible. There is no longer any

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Jap Teachers To Study In U.S.

Tokyo, August 23. Twenty-three Japanese teachers are to leave Yokohama on Thursday to study for a year in American universities and colleges as guests of the United States government.

They are the first batch of a group of 50 selected last month by a committee of Japanese educators from universities throughout Japan. They are due in San Francisco on September 4 and will visit 17 colleges and universities selected by the Institute of International Education which was entrusted with this chore by the United States government.—United Press.

Abdullah Guest Of Mr. Bevin

London, August 23. King Abdullah of Jordan is tonight the guest at dinner of the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, at his private residence in Carlton Gardens, London, the Foreign Office spokesman announced.

Diplomatic quarters here expected King Abdullah and his Bevin to continue the private conversation which they had yesterday in the King's suite in the London Hotel. This was believed to cover irrigation and development plans for Jordan as well as the future of Arabs in Palestine, which King Abdullah is known to wish to incorporate into the territory of Jordan.

King Abdullah was today visiting the British Army school at Warminster, Wiltshire. Accompanied by Colonel Glubb Pasha, Commander of the Arab Legion, the King watched infantry demonstrating their fitness to fight over difficult terrain.

Highlights of his visit came when the men went over the gruelling assault course.

Accompanied By Son

At tonight's dinner, King Abdullah will be accompanied by his son, Prince Naif, by the Jordanian Cabinet Ministers at present in London and Paris, and Major-General John Glubb Pasha, Commander of the Arab Legion.

Among the British guests invited were Mr. Hector McNell, Minister of State, Sir William Strang, Permanent Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office, Sir Alex Kirkbride, British Minister to Jordan, and service chiefs, Field-Marshal Sir William Slim, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, and Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Lord Tedder, Chief of the Air Staff.—Reuter.

YANGTSE CASUALTY FLOWN HOME

London, August 23. A Yangtze battle casualty, Leading Stoker William Chambers, flown from Singapore to see his sick father, arrived home in Liverpool today.—Reuter.

need for a big Customs service. Already many Chinese Customs workers have been dismissed or about to be dismissed.—Associated Press.

DISCLOSURE OF CHURCH-STATE NEGOTIATIONS

Warsaw, August 23.

The Polish Government does not intend to interfere in the internal affairs of the Church in matters relating exclusively to doctrine and belief, the pro-Government Catholic daily, the "Slowo Powszechnie" said today.

The newspaper, which is often a medium for inspired comment on Catholic matters, was making the first disclosure of the exact nature of the negotiations being held in Poland between the government and Church leaders.

Appealing to Poles to study the present deadlock between the Church and state in a patriotic and dispassionate manner, "Slowo Powszechnie" declared that the Polish government recognised the fundamental schism between Catholic and Communist philosophies.

"All conceptions of a national Catholic church in Poland are only provocative nonsense," the newspaper said. It added: "But the Polish bishops cannot have relations with the Anglo-Saxon world, whether that should be in Washington, London or Rome."

The only principle which the Church must observe is that the Catholic Episcopate should regulate its behaviour according to modern Polish raison d'etat.

Two Matters

According to the "Slowo Powszechnie," this means the church and government must act on only two matters:

1. The Church must not contribute to strengthen international policy opposing Poland's retention of her new Western frontiers with Germany.

2. The Church must not dampen the ardour of people for reconstruction or do anything to impede the material advancement of Poland.

The "Slowo Powszechnie" referred to the present negotiations as decisive.

The Government, it said, was only acting to gain Catholic agreement on matters which should have the support of every loyal Pole.

The "Slowo Powszechnie" announcement was interpreted here as an attempt to soothe public opinion and reassure the body of the Catholic clergy—that recent measures threatening heavy

Red Paper's Accusation

Moscow, August 23. The Soviet Communist Party organ, "Pravda," today accused writers of the "British Ally," Foreign Office newspaper published by the British Embassy here, of having forgotten that it was mainly Indian, African and Chinese troops that fought in Burma and not British or American troops.

"Pravda" was commenting on an article in the August 14 issue of "British Ally" about the military operations in Burma between 1942 and 1945.

Last month Mr. W. R. Jones was appointed Editor of "British Ally" in succession to Mr. Archibald Johnstone who resigned in April on the ground that in his opinion British policy was anti-Soviet.

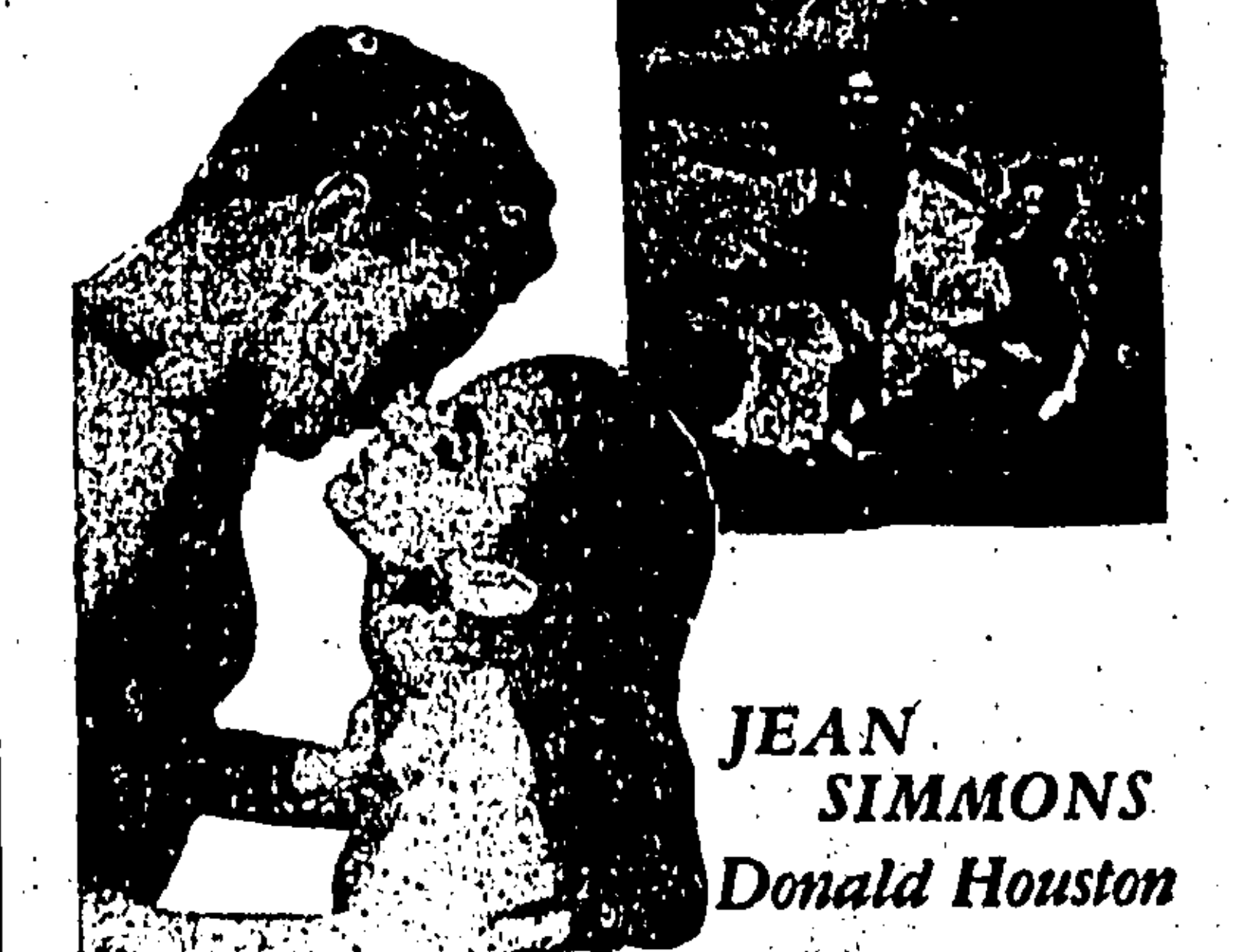
"Pravda" said, "These pen-pushers openly say 'There were many fronts on this vast theatre of operations. However, one of the most significant factors in bringing about victory was the Burma campaign.'"

"Modesty sways 'British Ally' to such an extent that it cuts short comparison here. The magazine does not recall that while there were 240 Hitlerite divisions on the Soviet-German front there were but some 10 Japanese divisions on the Burma front"—Reuter.

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YUGOSLAVS REPLY TO RUSSIAN NOTE, DENY SOVIET ACCUSATIONS

Belgrade, August 23.

The Yugoslav news agency Tanjug announced today that Yugoslavia had sent a note to Russia saying that she had no intention of allowing herself to be drawn into a controversy with the Soviet Government on the character of the regime in Yugoslavia.

The note was in reply to the Soviet note of August 18.

It said that Yugoslavia does not want to discuss the assertion that the Yugoslav economy has become an appendix of the economy of capitalist countries.

The facts on Yugoslav foreign trade and the principles on which it is founded are well known, the note said.

It continued, "The Yugoslav Government considers it necessary to stress that it is in harmony with the country's independence and sovereignty and in accordance with the progressive principles of peace and collaboration among the peoples and the states, on a basis of equality of rights and mutual respect."

"The Yugoslav Government equally stresses that no pressure has been exerted on any in-

fluence in their internal policy nor is it likely to do so in future."

Foreign Policy

"As to Yugoslavia's foreign policy, the Yugoslav Government considers it necessary to stress that it is in harmony with the country's independence and sovereignty and in accordance with the progressive principles of peace and collaboration among the peoples and the states, on a basis of equality of rights and mutual respect."

"The peoples and the Government of Yugoslavia are not disposed under any condition to renounce these principles under foreign pressure."

The note added that Yugoslavia was willing to hand over to the Soviet Union all Soviet citizens detained by the Yugoslav Government.

This would be done in the interests of finding a solution to the questions under dispute—and the Russians would be handed over with the briefest possible delay.

At the same time Yugoslavia declared itself ready to give immediately to all Soviet citizens residing permanently in the country all facilities for leaving without delay if they ask for them.

"The Yugoslav Government expresses its astonishment that the arrest of a few White Guard Soviet citizens, men with a dubious past who have infringed the laws of the Yugoslav Republic, could have given rise to such an unfounded and offensive note from the Soviet Government."

"This surprise has been enhanced by the fact that the Soviet Government is at the same time maintaining silence about the reputation of Yugoslav children who are in the USSR, and whose return has been repeatedly demanded by the Yugoslav Government."

"The Yugoslav Government expresses its surprise that silence is being maintained about Yugoslav citizens in Russia to whom no exit visas have been granted in spite of all demands, though they have not infringed the laws of the USSR and are enjoying freedom of movement."

Distorted Facts

The note declared that allegations regarding action taken by

NY Tribune On Asian Nationalism

New York, August 23.

The "Herald-Tribune" editorial today said that whatever controversies there are on other aspects of American foreign policy in Asia there should be agreement on the value to the United States of encouraging the intense desire of Asians to govern themselves.

The editorial added: "This desire can be used honestly and effectively as a weapon, against Communism. The bald truth of the matter is that the Communist movement in Asia as in Europe is a new form of imperialism."

Pointing to the fact that the British gave freedom to India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon while the United States freed the Philippines and the French and Dutch now realize that self-government is necessary in Indo-China and Indonesia, the editorial said:

"There is no longer any reason for failure by the Western democracies to declare themselves as champions of self-government in Asia. The United States and the other Western Powers should emphasize by every possible means that the Western nations have granted freedom to Asians and that a Communist success there means the restoration of rule by foreigners."

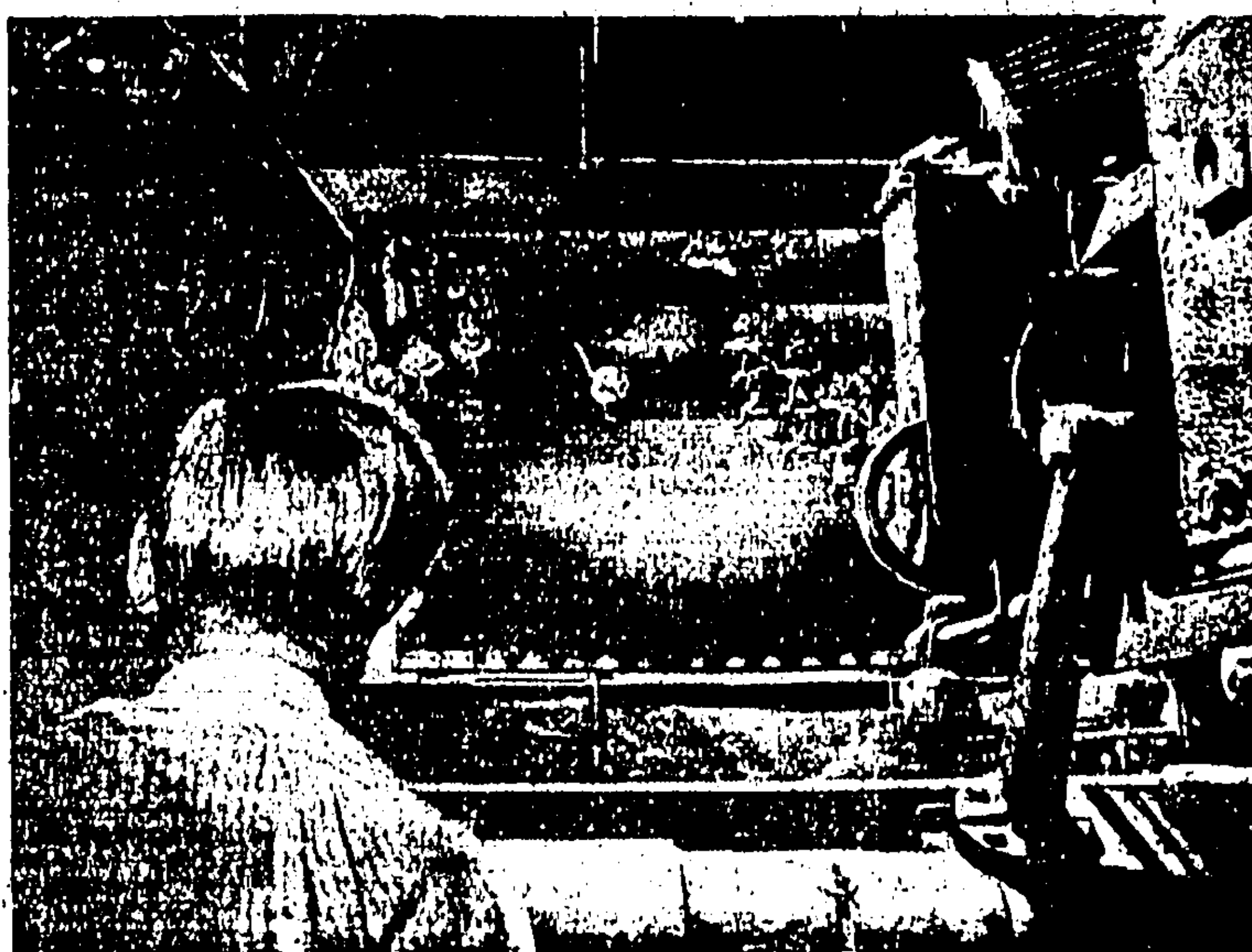
Yugoslav authorities against certain Soviet citizens, namely White Guards and former emigrants, are totally distorted, mendacious and offensive to the Yugoslav authorities.

"These persons have been arrested because they had seriously violated the laws of the Yugoslav Republic, and the Yugoslav Republic has to defend itself against such violations."

The note said in conclusion, "The Yugoslav Government and its responsible representatives have always declared themselves disposed to seek an understanding with the Government of the USSR to find solutions to all questions under dispute between the two countries."

"The Yugoslav Government is also availing itself of the present occasion to express again its decision, and it again declares itself ready to initiate a discussion for the solution of all questions under dispute with the Soviet Government in conformity with the spirit of the international engagements undertaken by both Governments."—Reuter.

Man Behind The Limelight



High in the dome of the Royal Opera House, electrician Arthur Manders stands by his limelight, following the glowing figure of Margot Fonteyn as she leads the Sadler's Wells Ballet Company in "The Sleeping Beauty". Every Night Arthur takes his perch, 100 feet above the stalls of Covent Garden, and, with his lighting cue script beside him follows the fitting figures below.—(AP Photo.)

Bulgarian Official Denies Greek Charge

London, August 23.

Mr. Boris Temkov, Bulgarian Press Attache in London, whom the Greek Government is seeking as a war criminal, today described Greek allegations against him as provocation and slanderous invention.

The Greek Office of War Criminals had charged him with murders, the exile of civilians, organising forced labour for military purposes, and looting the property of Greek citizens.

Mr. Temkov denied points from the statement made by the Greek Ministry of Justice in the following way:

(1) That he was in occupied Greece from early 1942 till 1943—"I have never been in Greece in 1942 and 1943 as alleged."

(2) That he was Town Major of Alexandropolis, Thrace, till 1943 and also directed Bulgarian intelligence—"I have never been a Town Major at Alexandropolis, neither Provost Marshal there, and I have never worked at any time in Bulgarian intelligence."

(3) That, according to witnesses, he was in contact with Gemeinde Feldpollitz, in charge of the German Army at Demotika, the charges about Germany army uniforms and inventions, which the Greek Government is in the habit of making regularly.

Mr. Temkov said that on the contrary, in 1942 and 1943, he was in Sofia, in the anti-Fascist underground, and was in 1942 detained by the Bulgarian police.

MRS. CAMPBELL HAS QUIET NIGHT

Northampton, August 22. Mrs. Daphne Margaret Campbell, who was injured in a car accident last night while returning from Lake Coniston, where her husband, Donald, made his attempt on the water speed record, was said this morning to have had a comfortable night. She is in Northampton hospital suffering from severe cuts and shock.—Reuter.

All Killed Aboard RCAF Plane

Winnipeg, August 23.

The Air Force today announced that all 21 persons aboard were killed in the crash of a RCAF Canso aircraft in the Northland of Manitoba.

A Canso amphibian which flew to the scene of the crash landed on a lake eight miles from the wreckage. A group of party from the plane made its way to the crash scene.

The RCAF said it would land a light plane containing a doctor and a coroner. In the meantime, another plane would circle overhead to observe the progress of the ground parties.

The burned and twisted wreckage of the missing RCAF craft, which had disappeared on Sunday night with 21 persons aboard, was sighted today by a search plane.

Terse Announcement

News of the discovery was issued here in a terse announcement by the RCAF. The first announcement said a parachute rescue team was being flown to the scene to check for possible survivors.

"The missing Canso was sighted at 9.35 a.m. CDT on the direct track from Churchill to Winnipeg, 80 miles East of Norway House," said the statement. "The aircraft had crashed and burned and there was no sign of life. A rescue team is proceeding to the scene of the crash and a search plane also is proceeding to the scene."

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Moscow Renews Threat Against Yugoslav Govt

Belgrade, August 23.

Moscow today renewed its threat to use more effective measures against recalcitrant Yugoslavia. It charged that the Yugoslav government had suppressed the Cominform call to Yugoslav Communists to remove the Tito regime and had thrown its opponents into gaol by the thousands to maintain power.

The Yugoslav Communist paper "Borba" retorted that Moscow was afraid to tell the Russian people the truth about the Yugoslav-Russian relations.

Moscow intensified its attack on the Tito government in a three-column editorial in the official newspaper "Pravda" organ of the Russian Communist Party.

The editorial again accused the Tito government of persecuting and terrorizing Soviet citizens in Yugoslavia and ended with the ominous key sentence from the note to Belgrade.

Accompanying the editorial was a cartoon depicting Tito's body shaped like a swastika, with his hands holding an axe labelled "Fascist terror". The cartoonist's signature, "Hitler, Mussolini, and Himmler" was written below.

"Pravda" said Tito was going his opponents by the thousands to suppress all knowledge of the Cominform revolution calling for a lawful and constitutional change in the leadership of the Yugoslav Communist Party.—United Press.

Workers In Paris Suburb Demonstrate

Paris, August 23.

About 2,000 armed police, barricaded behind barbed wire, today arrested and charged workers demonstrating outside a national aircraft factory in the suburbs of Argenteuil.

Shouting "Open the doors and let us work", 2,000 demonstrators gathered after Communist trade union leaders had urged them on Sunday to demand reinstatement.

Climbing on to the factory gates, some of the men yelled, "Send the police to the Landes" (where forest fires have been raging in South West France).

After the management refused to see a delegation, demonstrators marched to Argenteuil Town Hall to hold a protest meeting with workers from other factories.

Speakers violently attacked the Government for closing plants in the Paris region as part of a reorganization scheme for State-owned aircraft factories.

They called the Defence Minister, M. Paul Ramadier, who was mainly responsible for the Government's decision, an "American lackey".—Reuter.

SERIOUS FLOODS IN INDIA

Lucknow, August 22.

Nearly 500 villages in the United Provinces are under water as a result of floods after heavy rains, according to reports reaching Lucknow today.

The reports said that the River Ganges and three of its tributaries were in spate. The water level in some places was now only one metre below the danger level in these rivers. Considerable damage to property and crops was reported from the flooded areas and the government is evacuating people in boats.—Reuter.



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MACAO AND COMMUNISM

(BY OUR HARBOUR REPORTER)

(Our Harbour Reporter recently visited Macao and made a survey of public opinion relative to the influence of the Chinese civil war.)

Forty miles West of Hong Kong lies our Portuguese neighbour Macao—at first impression still wrapped in her traditional medieval tranquillity, her unique feature in time of peace.

But today beneath that veneer of serenity the oldest foreign colony in the Orient quivers gently under the coming impact of the unprecedented Communist avalanche in China.

In the face of the impending Communist control of China, which is fast drawing close to Macao's backdoor—Chung Shan—the sentimentality of her some 350,000 people today are threefold: Optimism among top-level circles, stoicism in the hearts of the ordinary people and pessimism among the commercial community.

Those studying the situation from comfortable armchairs seem to emanate confidence and "take it easy" when discussing the issue.

The man in the street stoically harbours fear of privations—a bitterness still fresh in his memories experienced when the Japanese overran the Orient.

And crawling nearer day by day, pessimism pervades the commercial circles.

Beginning my survey, I approached several high-ranking authorities, who declined public identification, and discussed in congenial atmosphere the preparations by the Government to check any possible exodus of refugees from China or Hong Kong, present-day local situation and the defence of Macao.

Here are some excerpts which are for publication:

"Macao is still open to everybody. In the event of Communist control of China, appropriate measures will be taken to meet the situation."

(This year has seen a discernible increase of visitors.)

Red Groups Banned

"No Communist organisation is permitted to operate in the Colony. There has been, however, no prominent political arrest. This vigilance will be maintained by the existing stringent steps."

"Press censorship—an old Portuguese practice still exists.... Macao and Hong Kong English-language and vernacular newspapers are censored first before being released to the public. One or two 'seditious' paragraphs will mean that the

paper concerned will be "banned" for the day.)

"Troops, mostly colonials from Angola, have arrived to strengthen the Garrison. More are en route. There are about 2,000 soldiers in Macao."

"Most of them are stationed along the borders. (Reported clashes with 'bandits' along the border could not be confirmed.)"

"The Police Force is still maintaining its regular civil duties. But when the occasion demands they will be extended with greater authority."

"These well-informed sources decline to say whether preparations are in the making or already under way to preserve Macao from the trampling hordes of refugees. Macao has not forgotten the 'damaged' done when she opened her doors to countless thousands from Japanese-occupied areas, especially Hong Kong."

From my mass of notes one thing stands out—the only outspoken opinion—and that is, the future of Macao pivots delicately on the British-Communist liaison.

If that splits the Portuguese Colony, which for 400 years has given asylum to millions, will plunge into the abyss.

This is what my informant candidly opined.

"For decades the two colonies have stood side by side depending on each other when one is in need. We carried on through our backdoor (South China) when Hong Kong was invaded."

Different Story

"Today it is a different story. 'Today it is a different story. Neighbourhood from the rear and cut off from the outside world by sea should her gateway—Hong Kong—fall into unfriendly hands, what happens to Macao is a foregone conclusion,' he declared."

I recalled: "But Macao was known to have been given to Portugal in gratitude for helping China to clear the area of pirates in the 16th century. Will the Communists dishonour that gesture?"

None of the sources would comment.

"I think it is a matter of conjecture," someone chipped in. "And that's what I learned of

Macao from the upper strata."

Next I visited some missionary friends and enveloped in the tranquil spell of antiquity which adorns the precincts (built in 1770) we talked about the 20th century problems of the day—mainly, the spread of Communist influence and its possible penetration into Christian Macao.

(The majority of the population is Roman Catholic and Protestant.)

Some of the missionaries have spent most of their lives in the Portuguese colony. The others have been there from five to 30 years.

Quoting from sources, whom he declined to identify but whom he asserts are reliable and well-informed, an informant said that there are seven Communist cells operating under cover in Macao.

"Please don't insist on the identification of the sources. But you can take it from me there are such people busy at work now," he affirmed.

"Each of the seven cells, mostly of the scholar type and their main object at present is to spread their gospel in the passive way."

He added: "There have not been any cases of violent demonstrations."

Watchful Eye

The informant believes that the authorities are aware of the subversive operation but evidently rather than upset public morale prefer to keep a watchful eye and "nip it in the bud."

He opines the nerve centre of these cells is in Hong Kong.

I skipped to the other side of the picture: "The Chinese have found security under the Portuguese flag since centuries ago. Will they abandon such privileges and join the Communist fold?"

The answer came from a fellow scribe.

"Nobody cares for the political struggles in China. At least 90 per cent of the Chinese population (which incidentally comprises 80 per cent of Macao today) prefer to remain and live as they do now," he declared.

But he added: "I guess it'll be a tough job to hold the colony by force. But the intruders have to reckon with our age-old traditions and religion. Both have

withstood countless persecutions, yet came out stronger than ever."

Roaming along the "Praia Grande," a beautiful residential district complete with natural charm and rural tranquillity though in the heart of the city, I accented a genial Portuguese—a typical "Macao Boy."

Let's call him Alberto Marques. Our friend is just one of the some 10,000 Portuguese in Macao whose families have been there for generations. He is by profession a "broker" with a newly-wed bride.

Marques thinks come what may he will try to carry on by himself and "trust in God."

"Everything is so topsy-turvy nowadays. You don't know what's going to happen tomorrow."

"What else can we do but to take what's coming," he said resignedly.

"Macao So Small"

Marques does not think troops can do any more than keep internal law and order. "Macao is so small. How many thousands can be accommodated here?"

Ask any other one and the answers, though with slight contradictions here and there, boil down to the same tune.

I tried a full-bearded Sikh guard from another angle. "I'm sure you're preparing to leave for India should the Communists trouble Macao."

The answer: Never thought of it. "Who says they're coming here? Well, even if they do, what else can I do but carry on as best as possible."

Jose Wong is a hotel licensee. He is Chinese of foreign lineage. "Communists come what can I do. Macao my home. I stay here."

Wong said in his best English. (His Chinese and Portuguese are flawless.)

To complete my "public opinion" roundup, I walked into a "hum-yi" (salted fish) store.

(Fish and fishery products, as sold there, form Macao's important export. Estimated average export value of this category is \$5,000,000. The Colony serves as an important distributing centre for South China and is linked by new highways and boat services.)

"As a commercial centre Macao was at one time gaining rapid prominence this side of the Orient. Opportunities for Chinese enterprise were then abundant," the manager declared.

He added: "We were just beginning to recognise the commercial value of this city and were envisaging large-scale business expansion."

Everything Uncertain

"But now everything is so uncertain. There is no hope of trade unless Macao is left alone," he said. (and he does not think so.)

"If Chung Shan falls into Communist hands, all is lost," he remarked with a shrug.

He would not say whether he is preparing to quit Macao when that time comes. "I don't know yet!"

The proprietor of a department store shared this view.

In the streets, the same pessimistic atmosphere prevails. Take for instance this fruit vendor, who has been at his job for years.

He said all he knew about the Communists was from the newspapers. "And from what I gathered, I don't think Macao will be like this in the near future."

"It's a matter of time. But it will be Hong Kong first, then our turn," he said.

Before boarding my ship for home, I put a casual one to a petite Customs searcher: "Macao is pretty safe, isn't it?"

The tart retort (but softened by a charming smile): "It has always been that way here!" I guess the lady knows best!



Freud had a word for it. "The Russian delegate said he would have to refer back to Moscow for more obstructions."

"I'm moving to Lower Albert Road." "No doubt you will after you've been there a while."

Mr. John Jones, noted British philanthropist, and managing director of Ichyko, Ltd., whose photograph you do not see above, yesterday declined to subscribe \$4,000,000 to the Decayed Senior Civil Servants' Welfare Association, the Home for Widows of Heads of Departments, and the Self-Help Society for Depressed Bank Managers. He has not left by air for a tour of his properties in West Point, Causeway Bay and Kowloon City, and will not be interviewed on his return.

"Eye of Dollar Talks." No, Myrtle, this is not the newest from True Confession Stories, and has no connection with the gold-digger.

H'm. "The bride received a handsome diamond brooch, together with an array of other beautiful articles in cut glass."

Fanatic: One who can't change his opinion and won't change his subject.

Gardening: A matter of your enthusiasm holding up until your back gets used to it.

Psychology: The science that tells you what you already know, in words you can't understand.

Seen in one of those technicolor American magazines, an advert for "Salada" tea, and directly underneath, another—"Wouldn't you rather drink Four Roses?"

"She was the unanimous choice of all the judges at the beauty contest last year. Measurements: bust 33½ inches, waist 33½ inches, hips 34 inches."

Put on a little weight since last year, though.

Says Myrtle, "That croonette claims that since she started singing on the air she is better off—and I agree with her."

As the prisoner said when they were about to hang him and couldn't find a rope: "No noose is good noose."

A woman claimed in court that her husband hit her in the face with half a pie.

The mean fellow might have let her have the whole of it.

Once we got an extra pair of trousers with our new suit, but tailoring hasn't made such strides since.

A teen-ager was rambling on to her father. "And then, Dad, when Bill asked me to go to the dance, I gave him the geological survey..."

"You did what?" asked her father.

"Oh, Dad, you're so uninformed. I gave him a stony stare."

A well-known comedian protests that he is always being told one of his own stories.

A clear case of the tale dogging the wag.

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WOMEN'S RIGHTS

The conference of Hong Kong Council of Women, reported yesterday, was probably the most interesting meeting of that body since it started two years ago. Its considered proposals to government were well balanced and restrained, even though some may arouse controversy, and not all are likely to be implemented in the near future.

Of the more innocuous resolutions, few would argue about the desirability of training women probation officers, on the lines Britain has adopted long ago, to deal especially with juvenile delinquents. These are now arrested and punished for such offences as hawking without a licence or begging, having usually been told to do so by poor parents.

Nor, apart from those with specific religious scruples, would there be much objection to the setting up of birth control clinics, to avoid the overburdening of impoverished families. Or the attempt to improve the present insufficient accommodation for respectable working girls. Thousands are affected in this case, and Mrs. Noble will find a large measure of agreement when she says that it is the responsibility of employers to see that these low-paid girls are adequately housed.

The proposal that government should make use of women's services on all the special committees it calls into being is already accepted by the authorities in principle, although it is not always easy to put into practice. It is all very well talking about the feminine viewpoint, which can obviously be valuable, but it is also necessary to have members with specific knowledge, possibly administrative experience, and the ability to put ideas lucidly into words. And it is not always easy to choose one lady without offending a number of others. However, this idea is a good one, and should be pursued.

Most unlikely to succeed at the moment is the resolution on equal pay for equal work, regardless of sex. Ever since the beginnings of feminine emancipation there has been a cardinal goal of all leaders of the movement, but we are not aware of any country where the principle has been accepted, apart from Soviet Russia, and even there it has by no means worked out as intended.

The facts are that many women do work as well as men. At repetitive mass production tasks they are even better. But by and large, most employers have proved to their own satisfaction that male output is greater and of better quality. Men, they say, are also (generally speaking) more able to take independent decisions, will work with less supervision, etc. Not everyone holds this opinion, but it is the average reaction.

Even when it is admitted—say in clerical work—that both sexes are doing basically the same work with equal efficiency, the objection has always been that the man has usually more responsibilities, such as a wife and family, and therefore requires higher remuneration. The woman

Why They Quit The Yard

By ARTHUR TIEJEN

Commercial enterprises and Government departments are robbing Scotland Yard of its best brains in crime detection by offering them at least £1,000 a year, plus expenses which is about £200 a year more than they received as detectives.

Again comes the news that another well-known superintendent—Supt. Narborough—has given up his official beat for a private deal.

His retirement before his 30 years' service is up (when he would qualify for a full pension of £9 a week) follows closely upon that of Chief Inspector Bob Fabian, one of the Yard's most colourful figures.

And others, it is strongly rumoured, will follow the lure of the big money.

In multiple stores, fashionable hotels, newspaper offices, horse and greyhound racing associations, Government offices now sit the men whom crooks feared and whose efforts in crime detection have set Scotland Yard among the foremost of police organisations.

Regular Hours

Their specialised knowledge of crooks is an invaluable asset to West End hotels and greyhound tracks, and in multiple stores they control all the anti-shoplifting arrangements. These former members of the murder, flying, and

ghost squads whose lives belonged to the public for 24 hours a day now enjoy the privilege of more money, plus half-pension, and regular hours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A famous chief superintendent talked to me yesterday about the drift.

Chief reason, he said, is the Oaksey Report, which took from the former £700-a-year chief inspector his £55-a-year detective's allowance and prevented his promotion for three years.

No. 2: At the end of 25 years' service a detective can retire on half pension, so he begins to look around for a more lucrative post.

No. 3: The policeman's wife. For years she has been a "widow" of Scotland Yard, never knowing when her husband was going away on a murder hunt for a week or more or if he were coming home at night. His hours of work, were unlimited, his overtime nothing.

Ready Market

These great detectives, who have received the best training in the world, are of big commercial value, and there is always a ready market for their services.

Under the Oaksey Report all promoted to the rank of junior superintendent at £225 a year, with no detective's allowance.

At the end of 25 years they may retire on half pension, or add £13 6s. 8d. a year to every succeeding year up to 30 years' service, when they retire on full pension.

But private enterprise, anxious to snap up these experienced men, has been outbidding the authorities for these 45-year-old men.

Today Chief Constable Percy Worth is with the Greyhound Racing Association; Bob Fabian holds a responsible position with the newspaper concern, Arthur Philpott (who arrested Ley, the former New South Wales Minister of Justice, in the "chalkpit murder") organises the security services for a well-known catering establishment; Narborough has a good office in mind; Donaldson, of the Brighton trunk murders, is with the Control Commission, stationed in Hamburg; and ex-Supt. Barker is with the Food Ministry.

The Oaksey Report gave the newcomer to the Force a better chance, but obstructed the prospects of the old and experienced officer.

The Home Office has a grave problem on its hands.

Is The Gulf Stream On The Move?

By PETER DRAKE

Mysterious happenings 3,000 miles away in the Atlantic Ocean are causing Britain's weather-men some anxious moments.

The unpredictable Gulf Stream—for time immemorial it has presented the world's leading scientists and meteorologists with their biggest problems—is reported to be acting queerly again.

News of its latest prank comes from New Jersey. Fishermen there have been catching some weird and wonderful tropical fish, the like of which they never seen before.

Reason for their unusual catches, they say, is that the Gulf Stream, a massive belt of warm water, affectionately known as the world's hot-water bottle, is now only 22 miles from the coast. Normally it is at least 80 miles offshore.

Tropical Turtle

And piscatorial fun and games are not confined to New Jersey. Two Marylanders, Cornwall, fishermen set out to search for bottom-dwelling tropical lobsters they caught in a ship's tropical

turtle half as long as their 22ft. boat and weighing high on 170lb.

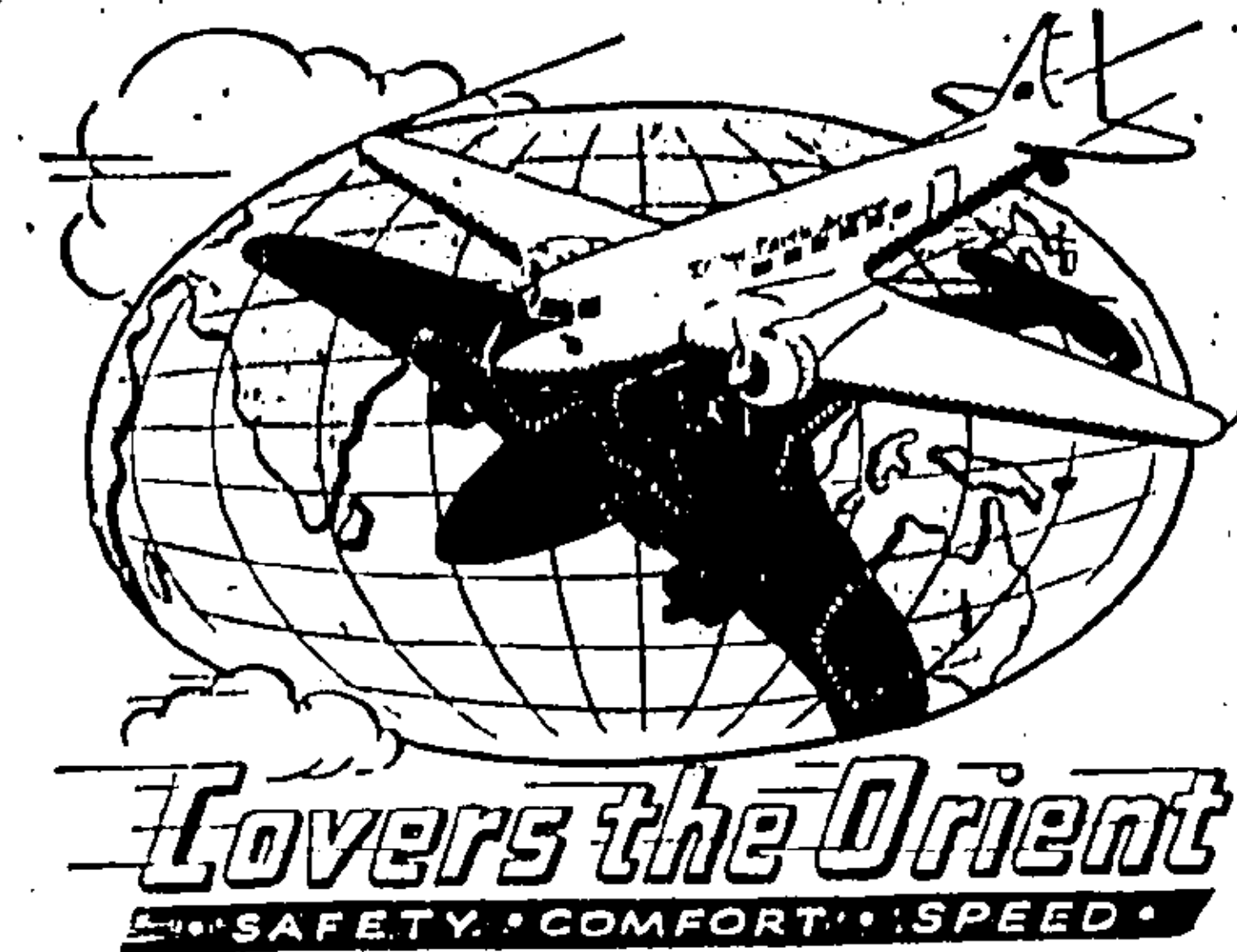
Our weather experts are awaiting confirmation of the report from their opposite numbers in America.

They are eager to know just what that huge, snake-like, capricious strip of water is doing at the moment. It can affect the holiday weather.

But even if it has wended its way 60 odd miles inshore, they do not expect any big effect on Britain's climate. The important question, they are asking themselves, is: Is this the signal for an important change of current movement?

Normally British winters are comparatively mild, but a major alteration in the Stream's route might "change them." It would mean that less warm water would flow up into the North Atlantic and decrease the sea temperature West of Great Britain.

But experts stress that the Gulf Stream would have to be in one of its craziest moods for that to happen—so there is no need for Britons to rush out immediately to get that new overcoat.



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Transfer Of Sovereignty An Irrevocable Resolution

DELEGATES' OPENING SPEECHES

The Hague, August 23.

The Dutch Prime Minister, Dr. Willem Drees, opening the round-table conference here which is to decide the future of Indonesia, said that the Netherlands had taken the irrevocable resolution to transfer the sovereignty of Indonesia to the United States of Indonesia.

"In the first place," he said in his inaugural address, "I feel the need to declare to the Indonesian delegates that when on the Netherlands side in previous agreements the preparedness was embodied to transfer the sovereignty to the United States of Indonesia, this signified for the Netherlands an irrevocable resolution.

"This decision does not rest on an impulse of sentiment nor on an unwilling acquiescence in a superiority of circumstances, but on gradually ripened realisation that along these lines in the present world situation the interests of the Netherlands and of Indonesia and a beneficial co-operation between these countries could best be promoted."

The 150 delegates and chief advisers sat round a large oval table in the centre of the tapestry-hung hall of the Hague. The Dutch Prime Minister, Dr. Willem Drees, and heads of diplomatic missions, a few Dutch leading public figures and a handful of the public sat in the small area available for non-participants.

Dr. Drees sat in the centre of one of the sides of the oval table. On his right, around the wide curve, were the main door, was the republican delegation, led by Premier Dr. Mohammad Hatta, and next to them the Federalist delegates were grouped around their leader, Sultan Hamid II of Pontianak. On the Chairman's left were the Dutch delegation with the Greek, Minister, Dr. J. H. Van Manen, in the centre, flanked by the Foreign Minister, Dr. D. U. Stikker, and Dr. J. H. Van Royen, Chief of Dutch negotiators.

Between the Federalists and the Dutch and facing Dr. Drees sat the members of the United Nations Commission with Mr. T. K. Critchley, the Australian representative in the centre acting as the Commission's Chairman for the week.

The press gallery was crowded with 200 journalists, about 50 of whom were Indonesians. Three radio commentators described the scene as the delegates filed in followed by a small army of advisers and secretarial staff.

Flashbulbs Pop

For five minutes the rich, armorial paintings on the walls and the historic, coloured windows gleamed in photographers' flash bulbs while spotlight beams illuminated the negotiators for Dutch and Indonesian film cameramen.

Then the Prime Minister, Dr. Drees, rose and began to speak. He said that the conference must come to clear agreements and arrangements.

"We have," he said, "definite principles to guide us."

"To these," he mentioned only a few, the speedy establishment of the United States of Indonesia as a sovereign democratic state on a federal basis, the autonomy of the populations, co-operation with the Netherlands, possibly with the United Kingdom of the Netherlands, Surinam and the Antilles, in a Netherlands-Indonesian Union headed by the Queen of the Netherlands.

"The question of whether especially the Netherlands or the United Kingdom of the Netherlands shall participate in the Union shall only be decided after consultations held with Surinam and the Antilles."

If the conference led to a satisfactory agreement followed by a practical realisation of the aims in view, the door was opened towards an independent and sovereign Indonesian national existence and towards a co-operation of both peoples on the basis of freedom and friendship.

However the conference might develop it was certain that it would be of historic significance to the life of the peoples of Indonesia and the Netherlands.

Dr. Drees said he did not want to go further into the past.

"Much will further have to be forgotten on both sides, at least it will have to be closed forever as belonging to the irrevocable past," he said.

The representatives of the Netherlands and Indonesia met at this moment as equivalent partners to discuss in free consultation the future of their countries and the relationship between their countries.

To Avoid Distrust

It was important, Dr. Drees said, that everything should be carefully avoided at the conference that hurt or nourished distrust.

"I must not omit to point out most seriously the necessity that the actual fight with weapons as well as propaganda cease," he said.

If there was still a fight to be fought it was a fight against all that might separate them and threaten the dignity and prosperity of their peoples.

Dr. Drees said that as Prime Minister of the Netherlands he was personally convinced that provided no factual circumstances and occurrences disturbed the atmosphere the possibilities were great of bringing the conference to a satisfactory conclusion.

In conclusion Premier Drees welcomed the members of the United Nations Commission and reiterated his hopes that the conference would be a success.

Speaking in Indonesian, the leader of the Republican Indonesian delegation, Dr. Mohammad Hatta, said that "the very act of our gathering here for the round-table conference is the manifestation of the firm convictions of all parties concerned that our consultations will produce the end we have in view—an unconditional transfer of complete and real sovereignty to the Indonesian people."

"The bitter experiences of the past years have impressed upon us the fact that the only solution to the Indonesian question is an immediate transfer of sovereignty. The history of the negotiations has taught us that this problem of sovereignty has always been at the root of the difficulties."

Dr. Hatta said that the Indonesian people had considered themselves as sovereign since the proclamation of Indonesian independence on August 17, 1945. "The Dutch had failed to comprehend that the most-urgent

Crown in Indonesia and the interim government, which was not acceptable to the Netherlands Government.

It was on this division of responsibility that all negotiations had been stranded and had twice resulted in armed violence.

General Acceptance

"If my information is correct, political circles in the Netherlands have generally already accepted the immediate transfer of sovereignty as an inevitable consequence. And if sovereignty is to be transferred anyway, it would be best to complete within the shortest possible time the negotiations at this round-table conference concerning the transfer," Dr. Hatta declared.

He went on to say that every delay in the transfer of sovereignty would be felt by the Indonesian people as a political stratagem to continue colonial rule in Indonesia, and would, therefore, cause the people to be suspicious of the Netherlands' intentions.

"Nor will the transfer of sovereignty be entirely unconditional," Dr. Hatta said.

"We fully understand that the Netherlands Government wishes to be assured that sovereignty will be conferred on an Indonesia with a federal form of government, and that a union is to be established between the Republic of United Indonesia and the Kingdom of the Netherlands in conformity with the Renville principles."

These conditions were not felt by the Republicans and the Federalists as being restrictive to sovereignty.

Dutch fears that the transfer of sovereignty would jeopardise Dutch capital investments and economic interests in Indonesia, Dr. Hatta said, were completely void of any grounds.

After quoting the political manifesto of the Indonesian Republic, issued in November, 1945, to demonstrate this, Dr. Hatta said, "People in the Netherlands must be able to look ahead and see with a dynamic vision that an independent Indonesia will not be detrimental to their interests."

On the contrary, Dr. Hatta said, it would benefit Holland.

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"Big Six" Unions Demand Cut In Cost Of Living

London, August 23.

Four of Britain's "Big Six" unions came out today with demands for stronger action to make the Labour Government cut the cost of living.

The move brought to a climax months of negotiation between trade union leaders and Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, on wages, prices and production costs—key factors in Britain's export trade and the dollar gap.

The attitude of the trade union leaders to the demand will be decided when the General Council of the Trades Union Congress meets tomorrow to give final approval to its economic policy report for the annual TUC conference next month.

The four unions' demand has been put on the conference agenda.

These unions are the Transport and General Workers' Union, with more than 1,000,000 members, the Amalgamated Engineering Union, the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers and the National Union of Railwaymen.

The Unions have made it clear that wage-pegging to keep down production costs is acceptable if the workers' real wages are boosted by price cuts.

With the support they could expect from smaller unions, these four Unions could influence the outcome of the conference and determine whether the TUC leaders should go in for harder bargaining than in past negotiations with the Government.

Annual Report

The annual report of the General Council—the leadership of the movement—implies general satisfaction with the results of the year.

'Let's Keep Them' NY Paper Says

New York, August 23.

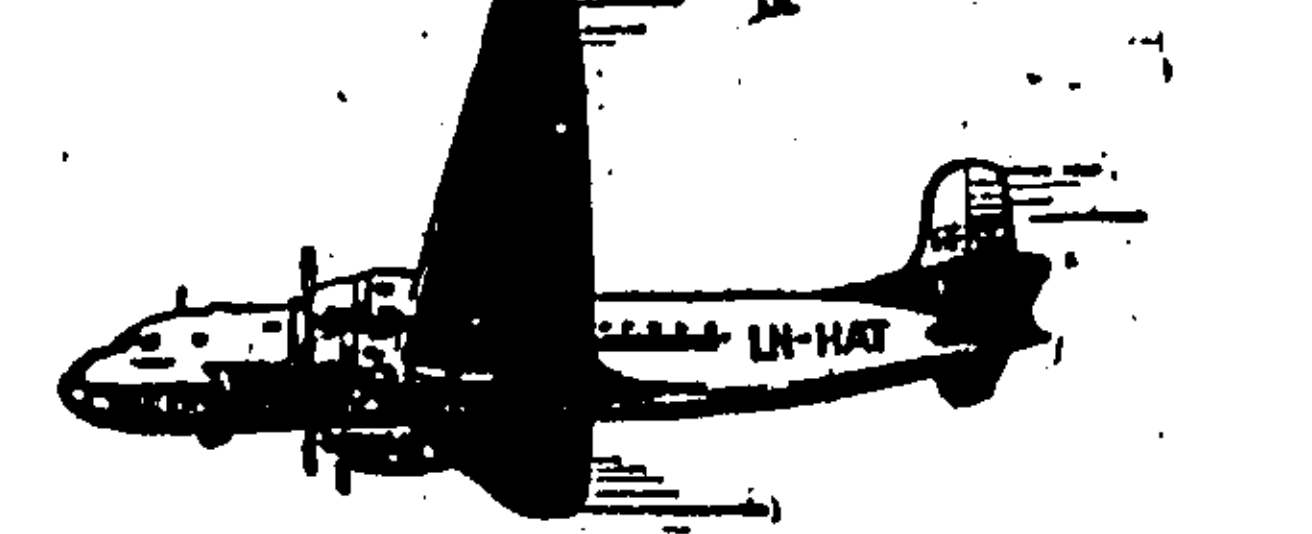
The "Daily News" editorial today, discussing the report that the United States may send some atom bombs to Britain, said:

"Let's not do it. Let's keep all these weapons, present and future, in the United States. Park some of them in England or any other foreign country under no matter what security precautions and we will only make it a bit easier for spies to get close to them."

"Maybe we could safely trust the British Labour (Socialist) government in the matter and then again maybe we could not. Certainly the Labourites hate and distrust our form of government though they love to take all of our money they can wrangle."

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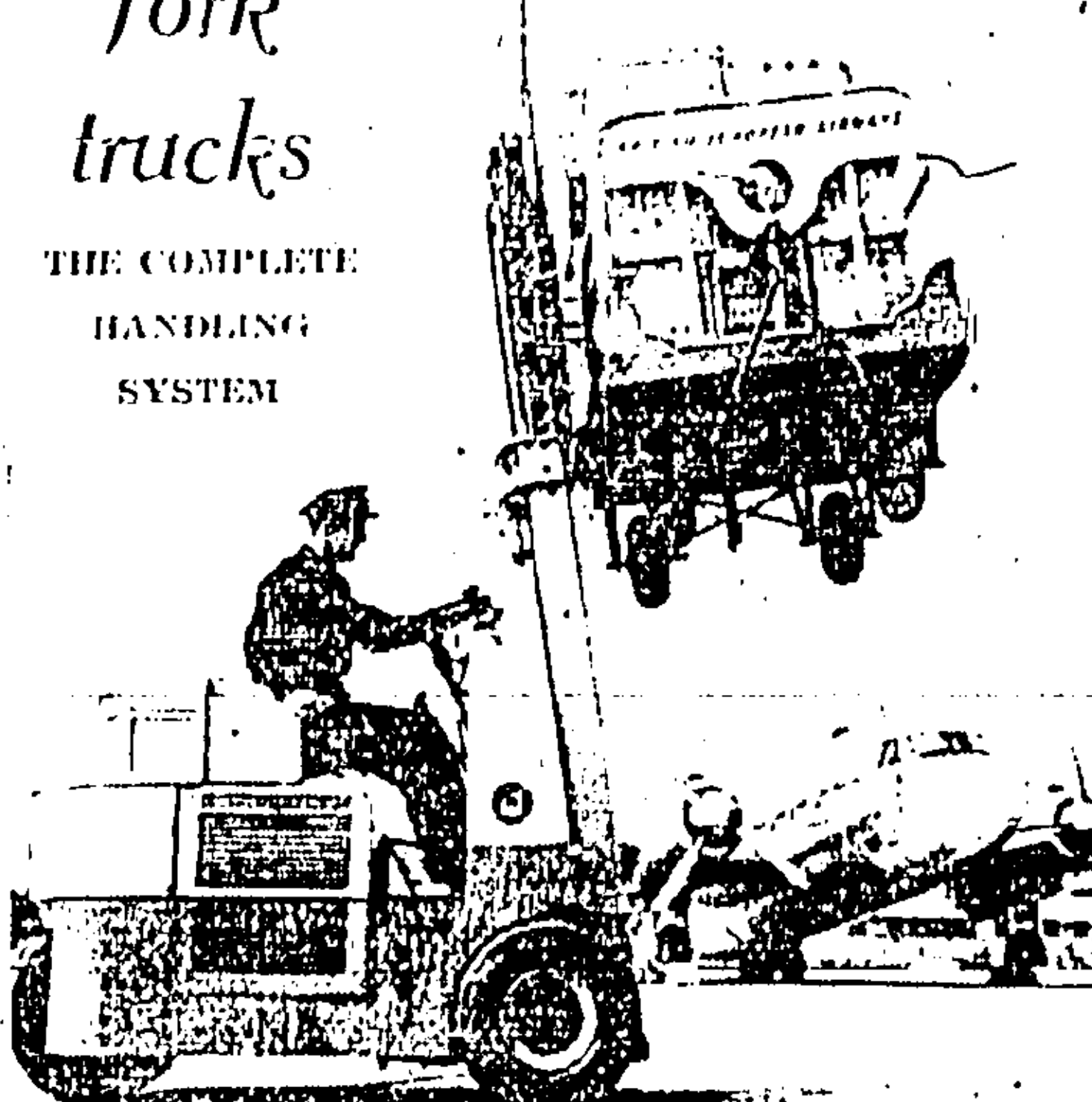
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ENGINEERING PAGE

Display Of Aero Engine

There will be equal numbers of piston engines and gas turbines on the stands of the "Static" section of the biggest air display held this year in the U.K.

The display which opens on September 7 is given by the Society of British Aircraft Constructors and 24 different types of engines will be represented.

Nearly all the new engines to be seen at the display have cleared the experimental stage although one exhibit, proteus turboprops, has not yet flown. This engine which will power the second version of the big "Brabazon" airliner, and the still larger "Princox" flying boat is reported to be giving more than its designed power an unusual achievement by a new engine. Another engine on display is the proteus turbo-prop's kin-man, the "Thesaurus", which is already making a first class reputation for itself in regular service and needing far less attention than comparable piston engines on the same service.

The latest exhibit is the "Double Mamba" turboprop which combines two separate and distinct "Mamba" engines, each with its own fuel, lubrication and control systems and reduction gear.

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USING SEAWEED IN TEXTILE MANUFACTURE

By DR. J. MENKART

In research, the result aimed at does not always materialise—it would be dull work if it did. Quite often, however, an unforeseen but valuable outcome is achieved instead—and the skill of the investigator consists, to a large extent, in the ability to recognise the value of the unexpected when it crops up.

The development in Britain of alginate rayon is an example of investigation which produced a result different from that originally aimed for.

Alginate acid (a substance chemically similar to cellulose) is the most valuable organic constituent of seaweed; its extraction is the latest chapter in the long story of the attempts made to use as a source of raw material the vast quantity of seaweed available on the Western shores of Scotland and Ireland.

In the 18th century, sodium carbonate was produced from kelp (seaweed ashes) on a considerable scale, but the industry was killed by Leblanc's invention of a process for obtaining soda from salt.

A revival took place with the discovery of iodine, but after the first World War the competition of the Chilton nitrate industry, which gains iodine as a by-product, proved too strong. Finally, in the 1930's, the extraction of alginate acid on a commercial scale was begun.

Alginate acid and its derivatives are used for making transparent films and as emulsifying, gelling or thickening agents in a number of industries. In the early part of the second World War, an examination was made of the potentialities of alginate acid as a substitute for cellulose in the production of rayon.

The work failed in its initial object, because most of the yarns were coloured and too harsh. Some of them were non-inflammable, and found use for war purposes; the most interesting discovery, however, was calcium alginate rayon, which is quite strong when dry but swells and weakens considerably in water and dissolves completely in a weak alkali, such as a dilute soap solution.

Enlarging Scope

Solubility in soap may not, at first sight, appear to be a suitable characteristic for textile material. Nevertheless, the textile technologist, particularly the wool technologist, has always realised the potentialities of readily removable yarns in enlarging the scope of design; interest in the subject has been limited by expense and difficulty of handling the available chemically removable materials, cotton and cellulose acetate.

Thus the advent of calcium alginate, a cheap yarn readily dissolved away in the ordinary course of processing, has made possible a number of new developments in all sections of textile manufacture.

As soluble alginate yarn was discovered in Britain, British technologists were the first to exploit its commercial possibilities. These can be classified under two headings:

(1) The production of new fabrics and effects:

(2) The simplification of manufacturing methods of existing materials.

Of the first group, the application which has achieved the widest commercial development to date is the manufacture of light-weight wool fabrics for uses such as evening dress wear, blouses or scarves.

The intrinsic properties of the wool fibre—particularly its resilience and moisture absorbing capacity—make it extremely suitable for this type of material, but its use for this purpose has, so far, been limited; because, although very fine wool yarns can be spun, they are too fragile to be woven or, at any rate, woven economically.

By doubling a fine wool thread with a carrier thread of calcium alginate rayon a two-fold yarn capable of weaving without difficulty is produced. Washing, the fabric in soap then removes the alginate, and an all wool fabric remains.

If, when doubling the alginate and wool yarn, the twist is inserted in the opposite direction to that in the single wool thread, the latter can be left completely twistless.

The resulting fabric is lustrous and soft handling, and it need not be unduly weak in cloth of a suitable construction, because

strength is due to the interlacing of the threads rather than to the twist in the threads, and a cloth composed of twistless yarn can actually be stronger than a similar one made of yarn containing twist.

In the manufacture of fancy yarns, soluble threads fulfil a useful function. These yarns usually consist of three parts—a core thread, one or more effect threads or shibs, and a binder thread, which is added to prevent slippage of the effect along the core and to reduce the bulk of the yarn.

Once the yarn is woven into the fabric, the role of the binder is completed, in fact, its presence may prevent the full development of the effect.

Alginate Binder

Having given some indication of the scope of soluble yarns in ornamentation, we can turn to their other use—that of simplifying manufacturing techniques.

One example is found in the making of loop fabrics, such as imitation astrakhan. To produce these, a special complex loom is normally required, with two warps and wires to hold the loops. The effect can be closely imitated by making the loop yarn in the same manner as a fancy thread, weaving it into the fabric weftways, and releasing the loops by removing the binder.

A saving of labour has been brought about by the use of alginate yarn in the production of seamless socks. Socks are machine knitted in the form of a continuous tube; several rows of parting courses are normally put in between successive socks, and these are cut through and removed by hand to give a clean welt at the top of the sock (the open toe is closed on a linking machine).

The removal of the parting courses by cutting must be done with care to leave a clean, unfrayed welt and to avoid wastage. The difficulty is overcome by knitting in, between the two socks, a few separating courses of soluble yarn. Only a rough out is needed to effect separation, the toe ends are linked, and the socks go on to be washed in soap to remove the alginate oil and dissolve the alginate yarn, leaving a perfect welt at the top of the sock.

Thus, the work which originated in an attempt to find a substitute for cellulose rayon has made it possible to produce light weight wool fabrics and has increased the efficiency in the manufacture of wool socks and nylon stockings. In short, a new weapon has been added to the armoury of the textile technologist.

Experiments To Control The Weather

Experiments being carried out in Britain point the way, to the possibility of controlling the weather. Attempts to cause rain by using special chemicals have been successful.

The shortage of water, caused by this extremely dry, hot summer prompted the firm of Imperial Chemical Industries to make these experiments. They have been carried out with co-operation of the Air Ministry's Weather Forecasting Service and Royal Air Force pilots. Suitable cloud conditions were watched for by the Meteorological Station and the ICI experts were notified as soon as these seemed likely to occur.

Planes fitted with containers holding about 300 lbs. of solid carbon dioxide to which ICI gives the name "Dry Ice" were kept in readiness at the airport. Under suitable conditions this quantity of the chemical was dropped into clouds at a height of 10,000 feet.

Shortly after, the pilot flew beneath the cloud and saw a sharp

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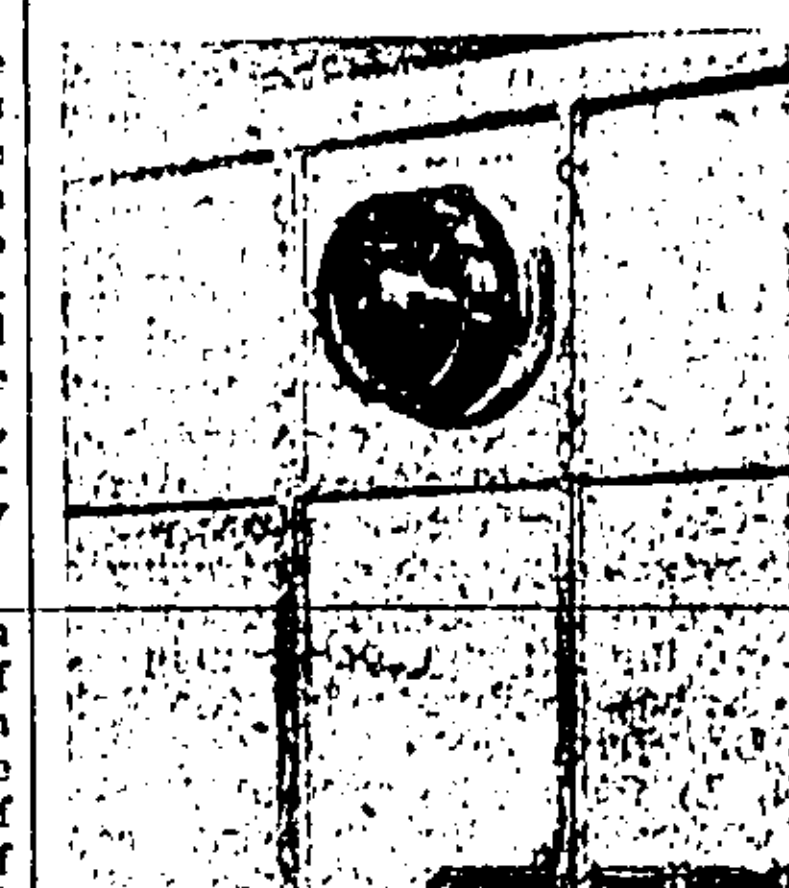
Built on the same lines as the original model, the GEC of England's new plastic Xpelair window fan embodies various improvements which combine to give it an outstanding performance.

As with the original model, it fits into the glass of a window simply and without mess, so making it eminently suitable for premises where the occupier may be disinclined or not permitted to interfere with the wall structure.

The complete unit, which is fixed in the window glass by means of a rubber cushioned clamping ring, consists of an extraction fan of 7½ ins. diameter housed in a neat circular casing fitted with an external cowl to render it weatherproof.

Casing and cowl are a plastic moulding in chocolate brown.

In the past two of the chief criticisms levelled against electric fans have been the noise and vibration. In this new model,



The GEC's new plastic Xpelair window fan fits into the window glass like this. No structural alterations are necessary.

However, the fan is resiliently mounted by the provision in the casing of four rubber cushions to receive the fan arms. Thus noise and vibration are eliminated.

Stale air is extracted at the rate of 230 cu. ft. per minute, this performance being measured by the standard method of test as laid down in BS540/1933.

One of the chief problems with fans of this type has always been of turn the air through 90 degrees at the cowl without serious loss of volume. In this case the air is conducted smoothly by a combination of an impeller giving partly axial and partly centrifugal discharge (a mixed-flow impeller) and a carefully proportioned cowl having a mid-vane.

Loss of air caused by the cowl is only 8½ per cent i.e. from 240 to 230 cu. ft./min.

Since the consumption of the AC model is only 25 watts the service value is 9 cu. ft./min. per watt.

Yet another advantage of the new model is that the fan motor which is designed specifically for this unit, is fitted with SASO self-aligning, self oiling sleeve bearings. These are silent and provide extremely efficient lubrication with a generous reserve against neglect of oiling.

A cream model of this plastic fan will be released later.

This fan is manufactured by The General Electric Co. Ltd. of England, the parent company of The British General Electric Co. Ltd. of Queen's Building, Hong Kong.

The observer, stationed on the ground reported that the rain developed some five minutes after the chemical had been dropped.

Following this, initial experiment a second test was made with a larger quantity of "Dry Ice". This was dropped in the clouds at a similar height. Seven minutes later cloud increased by some 500 feet at the top. 15 minutes after this a rainbow was seen. This was caused by the sun striking heavy rain which was falling from the clouds into which the chemical had been dropped.

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Behind-The-Scene Talks:

CHINA CHARGES U.S. WITH PUBLISHING DISTORTED REPORTS

Washington, August 23.

The Chinese Nationalist Government today charged the United States with publishing distorted reports of the Nationalist efforts to negotiate a neutrality agreement with Russia which could have halted the Communist drive in China.

Round-Table Conference On Indonesia's Future Opens

(Continued from Page 9)

Co-ordination

Economic co-operation between Indonesia and the Netherlands would be so planned that reconstruction in Indonesia could be co-ordinated with the establishment of new Netherlands interests.

A free Indonesia would no longer be a colony as in the past, shipping would be at very low wages.

Independent Indonesia would demand a living wage and social security for her labourers in accordance with the situation in civilized countries.

Transfer of sovereignty would involve the assumption of liability by the Republic of Indonesia and the Netherlands for rights and responsibilities. Dr. Hatta went on.

These matters would be included in the agenda for discussion on them must not be delayed by the conference.

"We are unable to limit our discussion to these matters, concerning fundamental and principles only," he said, so that the round-table conference could be concluded within a short time. All details could be dealt with after the transfer.

Dr. Hatta said that the transfer of sovereignty to the Indonesian people must take place in 1949.

"Before the year 1950, Indonesia must be independent and the Republic of United Indonesia established and vested with complete and real sovereignty," he said.

Sultan Hamid II, leader of the Federalist delegation, also speaking in Indonesian, said that the recent discussions in Indonesia had put an end to the almost unresolvable controversy which had lasted for years.

Aims Summarised

He summarised the aim of the conference as the realisation of the sovereignty and independence of the United Republic of Indonesia, and the getting-together of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the United States of Indonesia as two free and sovereign States.

The Federalist leader then paid tribute to the part played by the United Nations Commission on Indonesia.

Tracing the growth of nationalism in Indonesia as part of a great tide that had swept the East, he said that the Republicans and the Federalists had now reached agreement on all main points concerning the constitutional form of Indonesia, as well as on financial, economic, cultural, and defence problems.

Pointing out the need there would be in the new State for foreign credit, Sultan Hamid said that there would probably be a need as well for additional help and assistance, offered to us in real friendship.

"He appealed to the world to give consideration, understanding and confidence."

The Dutch Overseas Territories Minister, Dr. J. H. Van Maarseveen, heading the Netherlands delegation, said that the Netherlands Government aimed to make the conference successful, both formally and materially.

Future Development

He said that formally the conference would be successful when an agreement was reached, and materially it would be successful only when it influenced the future development of the two countries as favourably as possible.

Dr. Van Maarseveen said he assumed the common conviction of the three delegations present was to conquer the difficulties which nobody would underestimate.

"This conviction has been bought dearly," he said. On both sides the struggle had swallowed capital which would have been better spent on the building up of our countries away from war."

The Minister said that transfer of sovereignty once effected would never again be revocable. In the closing address Mr. Thomas Cretchlow, Chairman of the United Nations Commission on Indonesia, said that while the Commission retained its responsibilities according to its mandate established by the Security Council, it welcomed the evolution of events whereby the parties directly concerned had assumed voluntarily the heavy responsibility for jointly shaping their common destiny.

After the opening speeches the

The charge was made in a statement issued here by Dr. Kan Chieh-hou, personal representative of acting Chinese President Li Tsung-jen.

Dr. Kan also asserted that Joseph Stalin personally ordered an all-out Communist drive in China in 1948 because he was furious at the refusal of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to visit Moscow and arrange a deal which would have eliminated American influence in China.

Dr. Kan said the State Department recently published White Paper on China gave a completely erroneous picture of the Chinese efforts to strike a neutrality bargain with Russia and the subsequent Nationalist appeal for a statement of United States support in the year against Communism.

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Three Points

The three points in the agreement were listed as:

1. Strict Chinese neutrality in any future international conflict.

2. Elimination of American influence to a great extent as possible in China.

3. Establishment of a basis of real co-operation between China and Russia.

Dr. Kan reported that the Chinese Nationalist representative then asked for a statement of American support.

The State Department observed that it was incredible that the Nationalists should seek a United States statement of support for the purpose of strengthening their position while at the same time arranging a tentative agreement with Russia calling for the elimination of American influence in China.

Dr. Kan, who disclosed he was the Nationalist emissary who visited Ambassador Stuart, said that the United States White Paper lied in this respect.

Dr. Kan said the actual truth was that when he visited Dr. Stuart to ask for a statement of American support, negotiations for a deal with Russia had been broken off because of China's refusal to abandon the traditional friendship with the United States.

Delaying Measure

He admitted that earlier he had sought Dr. Stuart's view on the feasibility of Nationalist negotiations with Russia as a delaying measure and Dr. Stuart had no objection.

He denied, however, that this was coupled with the plea for a statement of American support.

Dr. Kan said, "I am compelled to point out at the outset that if the three conditions laid down by the Soviet Union had already been agreed to there would have been no need to appeal to the American government for a statement of support to strengthen the Chinese hand in negotiating on them."

"Furthermore, if Acting President Li had actually intended to eliminate American influence from China, he would not have kept the American Ambassador informed of such negotiations. The very fact of asking for a statement of support from the United States demonstrates his recognition of the importance of American influence in China."

Dr. Kan disclosed that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, then President, began as early as 1945 his attempts to make a deal with Russia which would halt the Chinese Communists in their territorial expansion. He said Chiang broke off the efforts when the Russians insisted that one condition would be a "Chinese pledge of neutrality in any future war."

However, in 1946 Chiang told Russia that he was ready to reconsider and the Soviet invited him to Moscow to talk it over. Chiang told Russia that he was unable to leave China, according to Dr. Kan, who added, Stalin was so furious that he gave instructions to all Soviet diplomatic and consular offices in China to adopt a policy of non-co-operation in their relations with the Chinese government.

Efforts Fail

Efforts to smooth over the situation failed and according to Dr. Kan it became altogether clear from conversations that what the Soviet Union really wanted in the past three

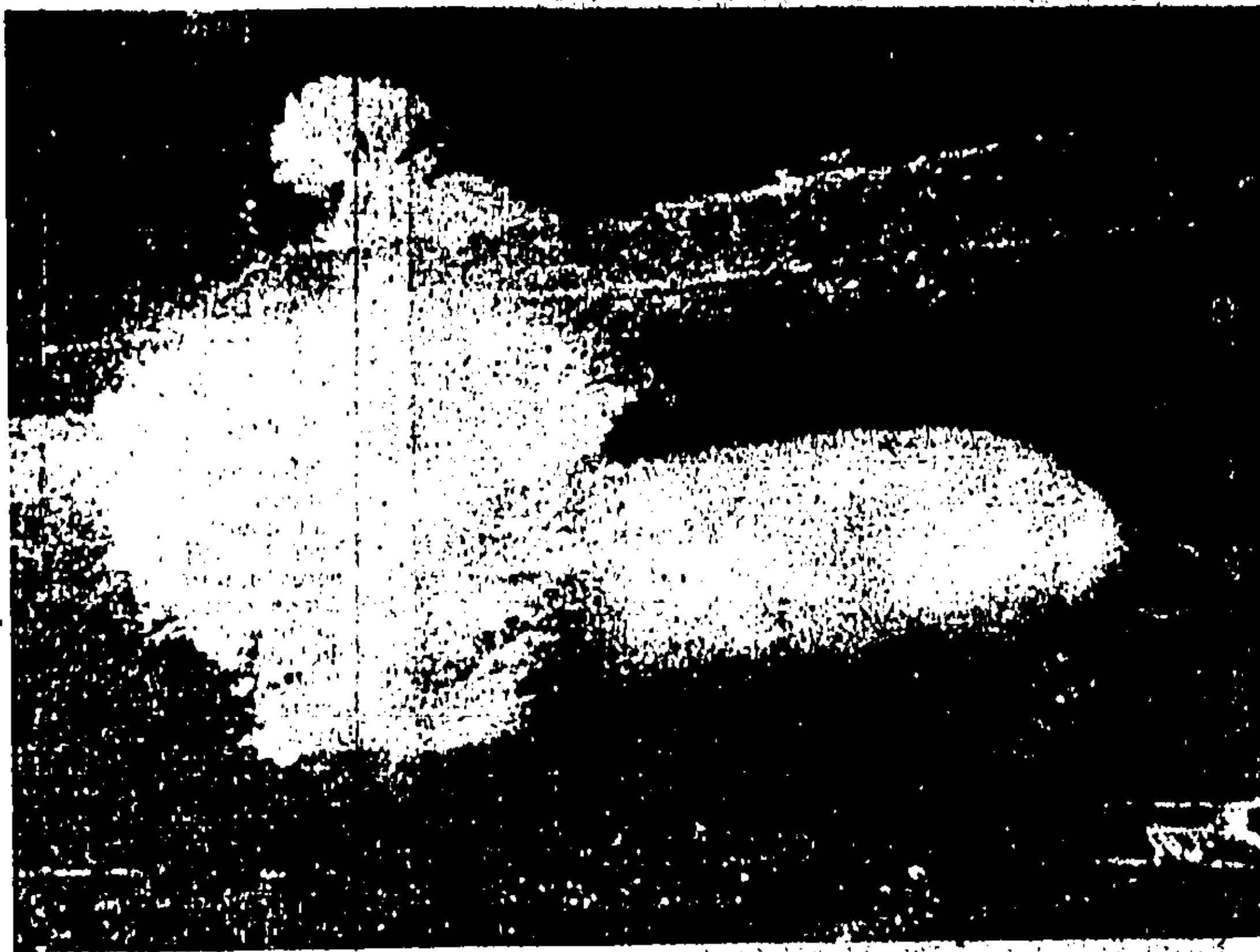
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Unique Underwater Shots



The British Admiralty has revealed a new method of underwater cinematography which will be useful in assessing damage to ships below the waterline and in the examination of sunken wrecks. Photo shows a torpedo leaving the tubes of the British Submarine "Auriga" while 80 to 100 feet below the surface. — (AP Photo).

BURMA KEEPING EYE ON CHINA SITUATION

Karachi, August 23.

General Ne Win, Deputy Premier and Commander-in-chief of Burma, who is on a short visit to Pakistan said on Tuesday his government is keeping vigilant watch on military developments in China and has already decided what steps it would take in case Burma was attacked by Communists from the North or North East.

Asked whether Burma intended to seek aid—military or otherwise—from Britain or the U.S. in view of the growing Communist menace in East Asia and its repercussions on Burma, Ne Win said:

"It is not for Burma but for the Western powers to do something but talk of giving aid to us. After all they are aware of the Communist influence in South East Asian countries and also know what a detriment it is to allow Communism to spread without any check. If given in good faith, Burma would welcome all kinds of aid from the Western powers. If we fight Communism it would benefit both us and them."

The Burmese deputy premier also said the number of Communists is likely to grow if not checked in time. He complained that Burmese Communists were being fed and reinforced by Indian Communists from Indian territory.

He strongly opposed regional pacts like the Western Union of Europe, the Atlantic pact.

He added, first, that these pacts go against the UN spirit, secondly, the way in which these pacts are made are bound to lead to a third world war.

Ne Win also did not favour the formation of a South Pacific Union.

He emphatically denied Burma would join the Commonwealth even at the risk of turning the whole of Burma Communist. — Associated Press.

Hagana Man On Trial For Manslaughter

Tel Aviv, August 23.

Lieutenant Colonel Isser Beeri, former intelligence chief of the Jewish defence force Hagana, was today committed for trial before a District Court on a manslaughter charge.

An examining Magistrate at Rehovoth today found that there was a case to answer in a charge of the manslaughter of Captain Meir Tobianski, executed by a firing squadron on June 30, 1948, after conviction of treason by summary Court Martial.

Colonel Beeri was one of the members of this Court Martial, which sentenced Tobianski for alleged espionage during the shelling of Jewish Jerusalem in May-June, 1948.

After months of investigation, the Israeli Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben-Gurion, declared the Court Martial judgment erroneous and a deplorable miscarriage of justice.

Two months ago Tobianski was posthumously promoted to Major and re-interred with military honours. — Reuters.

Experiments To Stop Cancer Growth

Cambridge, August 23.

Professor C. Caz Coker, of Santiago de Chile, told the first international congress of bio-chemistry here today that he was experimenting with cod liver oil and the liver oils of other fish for what might provide a new approach to cancer.

He said his investigations were based on the activity of certain compounds, which arrested embryonic and cancerous development at the same time.

"First results show that with experiments with animals, it is possible to arrest completely the growth of the tumor," he said. "The importance of this new approach lies in the possibility of a biological way to arrest cancer without damage and destruction of the upper tissues."

Both embryonic and cancerous growth needs vitamin E, he said. Without it, there could not be a growth in either case. If the acids in cod liver oils and other fish liver oils could get rid of vitamin E in the body, there would be neither embryonic nor cancerous growth. — Reuters.

Cheque For Irish College

Dublin, August 23.

A cheque for US\$50,000 from Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, for the Maynooth Theological College restoration fund was handed over today at Maynooth, County Kildare.

The cheque was given to Dr. John F. Dalton, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland, by the Rt. Rev. Monsignor John Carrigan.

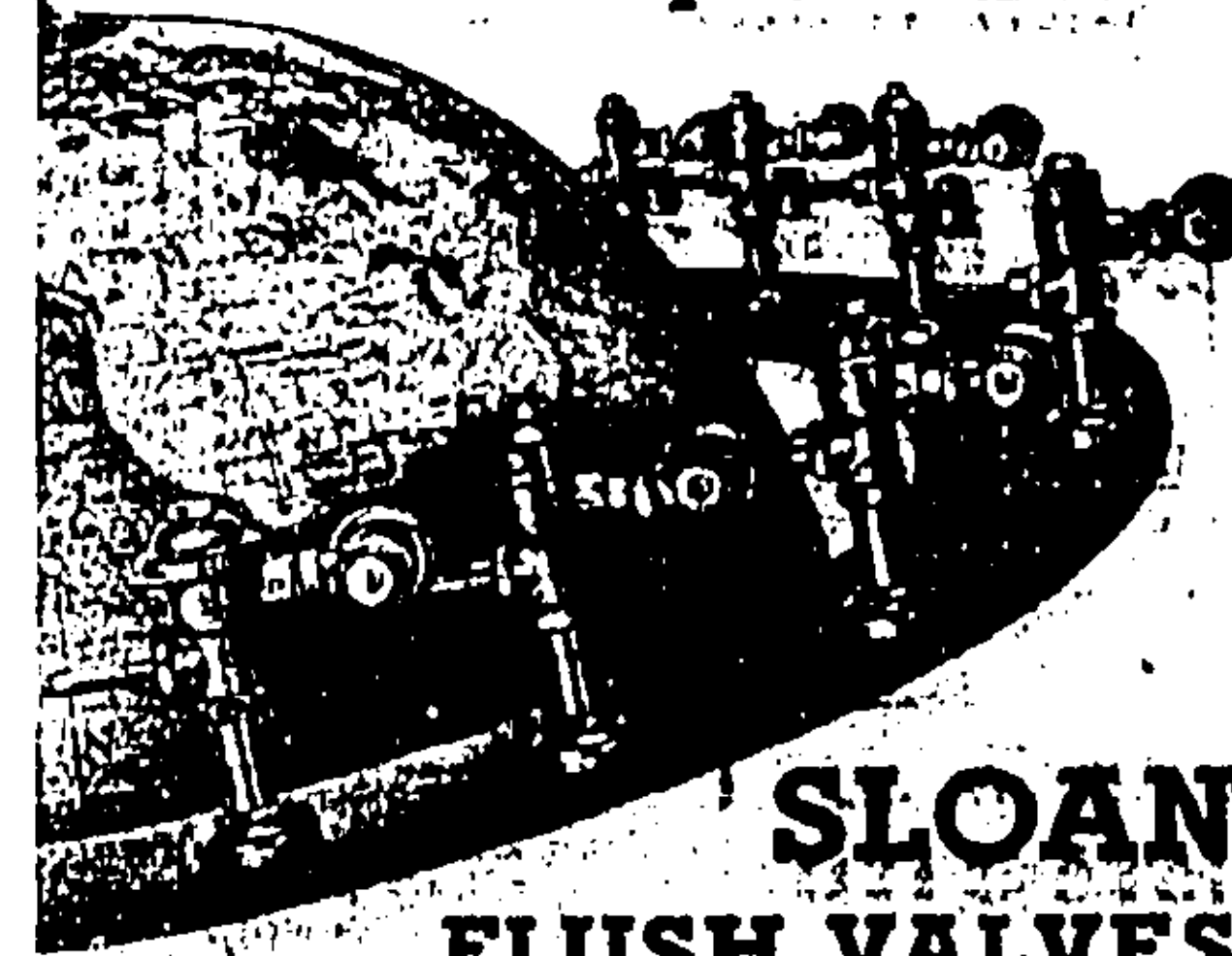
Since its foundation in 1795, Maynooth College has trained over 10,000 priests for dioceses in Ireland, America, China and Africa. Last March, Pope Pius sent a donation towards its extension. — Reuters.

WAGON-LITS STRIKE CONTINUES

Paris, August 23.

The restaurant and sleeping car attendants of the International Wagons-Lit Corporation, on strike for higher wages since August 10, voted today to continue the strike and also passed a vote of confidence in their strike committee. The newspaper "Le Monde" estimated that 30 per cent of the attendants had returned to work since the strike began. — Reuters.

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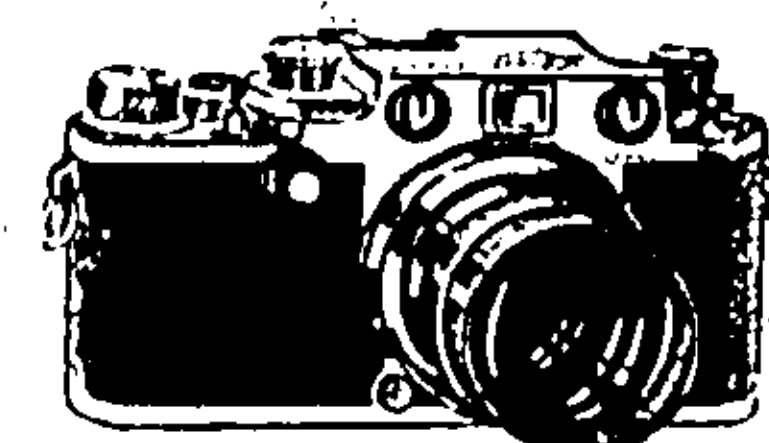
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On the grounds that he would help her to recover her health, American Millionaire Barbara Hutton was awarded custody of her son Lance by a U.S. court. He is with her in Venice, where she is recovering from recent operations, and the present court order allows him to stay with her until September 15.—(AP Photo).

SHANGHAI FIRM INVOLVED IN INVESTIGATION

Washington, August 23.
A message to the Quartermaster Headquarters of the U.S. Army's Far Eastern Command in Japan, signed QmG or Quartermaster General, was read today to a Senate sub-committee. The sub-committee is investigating activities of "five percenters," men who try to get government contracts for business men for a fee.

Mr. Francis D. Flanagan, one of the Committee's lawyers, said the message was written by Mr. James V. Hunt, contractors' representative. The attorney said Mr. Hunt took the message to Major General Herman Feldman, Army Quartermaster General at the time, and that General Feldman sent it on to the Far Eastern Command. Mr. Flanagan said Mr. Hunt represented the Henningsen Company of Shanghai, China, and Sam Mateo, California. The company was interested in building and operating seven plants for the Army in the Pacific. These plants were to change powdered milk into fluid milk. Mr. Flanagan said Mr. Hunt was paid \$1,000 a month for six months by the company. He added Mr. Hunt also was to get \$10,000 for each plant the Henningsen Company contracted for, with a maximum of \$50,000. The message, date of which was not given, stated: "Reference proposal establishment milk reconstitution plans your theatre, Henningsen Production Company, Post Office Box 1280 located 51 Canton Road, Shanghai, China, desire conference your Headquarters for full discussion terms of proposed contract. Suggest you extend invitation if in agreement your policy. This office believes Henningsen capable and interested. Our opinion based on preliminary conference in Washington." Mr. Flanagan said that as it turned out, the contract never was let.

But he said General Feldman was in contact with Mr. Hunt on numerous occasions during the negotiations. It was on a letter dealing with these proposed transactions that General Feldman wrote a postscript to "Jim" and signed it "Herman." Mr. Hunt forwarded a copy of the memo to the Henningsen Company and asked the firm to note the postscript from General Feldman signed Herman. General Feldman, who began as a private and became the head of the Army's \$1,000,000,000 a year buying programme, was suspended as Quartermaster General on July 18. At the time,

The Secretary of the Army, Mr. Gordon Gray, said General Feldman had furnished to a contractors representative, procurement information under circumstances which appear irregular. General Feldman told the sub-committee today that he gave a "five percent" information on the Quartermaster Corps purchasing plans but denied there was anything wrong in his actions. He said the plans were not secret and had been published in at least one newspaper. General Feldman also denied he ever sought gain or advantage for himself.

The sub-committee members made it plain they will question General Feldman further when he takes the stand again on Wednesday.—Associated Press.

**To Carry Out
Operation
In Mid-Ocean**
Singapore, August 23.
A Royal Air Force surgeon and a nursing sister have been landed by flying boat alongside the American tanker Pecon in mid-ocean about 250 miles from Singapore to operate on a seaman who was dangerously ill. The ship's captain, it was reported here tonight, had radioed that the seaman was suffering from appendicitis and appealed for a mercy flight. The RAF decided that it would be safer to operate on board the 10,000-ton tanker and the doctor and the nurse were flown to a rendezvous near Mangkal Island, 150 miles North East of Singapore, but the tanker was delayed. Eventually, was flying-boat discovered the ship 100 miles North East of Mangkal Island and landed beside it. The tail-plane of the flying boat was damaged in the landing but it took off again after the doctor and the nurse had been transferred to the ship's boat. The Pecon is due at Singapore tomorrow.—Reuter.

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TWO DUTCHMEN BEHIND GUERRILLA RESISTANCE

Jogjakarta, August 23.

Behind the scenes of Indonesian guerilla resistance in Central Java are two Dutchmen.

Both are deserters from the Royal Netherlands Army. Both have been declared traitors by their countrymen and will probably be shot if the Dutch ever get around to catching them.

But they think differently.

They say they are proud to be Dutchmen, deny they are traitors and doubt whether they will ever be caught. They say that according to an old democratic Dutch custom they are permitted to follow their own convictions and that they are falling back on this unwritten Dutch law in defence of their actions. Both now claim Indonesian citizenship.

They are 26-year-old Harry Hulscher and 40-year-old Fredrick Willenstein. Both came from Amsterdam. They are second lieutenants in the Republican Army and admit having fought on the side of the Republicans. Here is their story:

Both men entered the Dutch Army in 1940 and continued the war against the Germans from the underground when the Nazis quickly overran Holland in May of that year. In 1944, they joined the invading Allied armies fighting along the Southern frontiers of the Netherlands.

Willenstein joined the Canadian Army and Hulscher fought in the American Army. They were honourably discharged from these

foreign armies after the war and re-entered the Dutch Army.

Refuse To Fight

After a brief training period in England and Australia, they were shipped to the Indies but upon arriving in Sourabaya in 1946 refused to fight against the Indonesians.

They claimed they applied for dismissal from the service three times but were turned down each time.

"When I arrived and saw that the Indonesians were fighting for their freedom, it reminded me of our fight against the Germans during the occupation," Willenstein said. "I could not fight the Indonesians and return them to colonial rule, a nicer way of saying, foreign occupation."

He claimed: "There are other Dutchmen who feel the same."

When they failed to draw their dismissals from the Dutch service they contacted the Republican Army and soon found themselves in the gun-smuggling racket, looting Dutch stores to

feel the guerillas around Sourabaya.

The Dutch military police cracked down and both were arrested, dismissed dishonourably and sent to prison. They escaped from a work detail near Malang two weeks after confinement and crossed into the Republican camp in early 1949.

Both men said they wished to remain in Indonesia for the rest of their lives. They said they renounced their Dutch citizenship and had taken out Indonesian papers. Hulscher said he has met a young Indonesian girl and hopes to get married soon and settle down.

They said they did not regard the Dutch Army nor their ex-countrymen as enemies but said they stoutly opposed the Dutch colonial system and the efforts of Holland to re-colonise the Indies.

That's their story. The Dutch you talk to in Batavia feel differently. They brand them as traitors to Queen and country.

Local Dutch newspaper dispatches report other deserters operating with the guerillas in West Java. A recent report said Dutch deserters led an Indonesian assault on an estate located in the Bandung area.—United Press.

Further Move To Stop Exchange Leak

London, August 23.

A move to stop one more foreign exchange leak in the sterling area was made by the Treasury today, when it added to the list of prescribed securities all those on which capital, dividends or interest are payable, or optionally payable, in Belgian, Congo or Luxembourg francs.

This means that these securities can only be bought on the London Stock Exchange either by residents in Britain or by someone who can pay in Belgian francs through a Belgian sterling account.

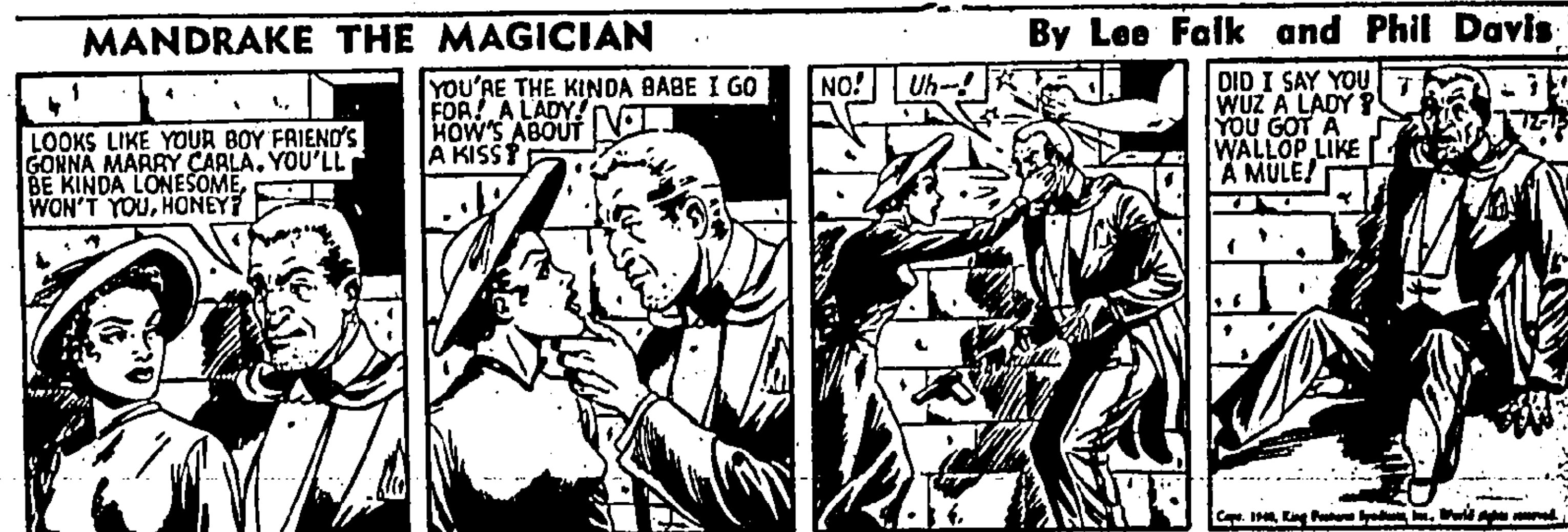
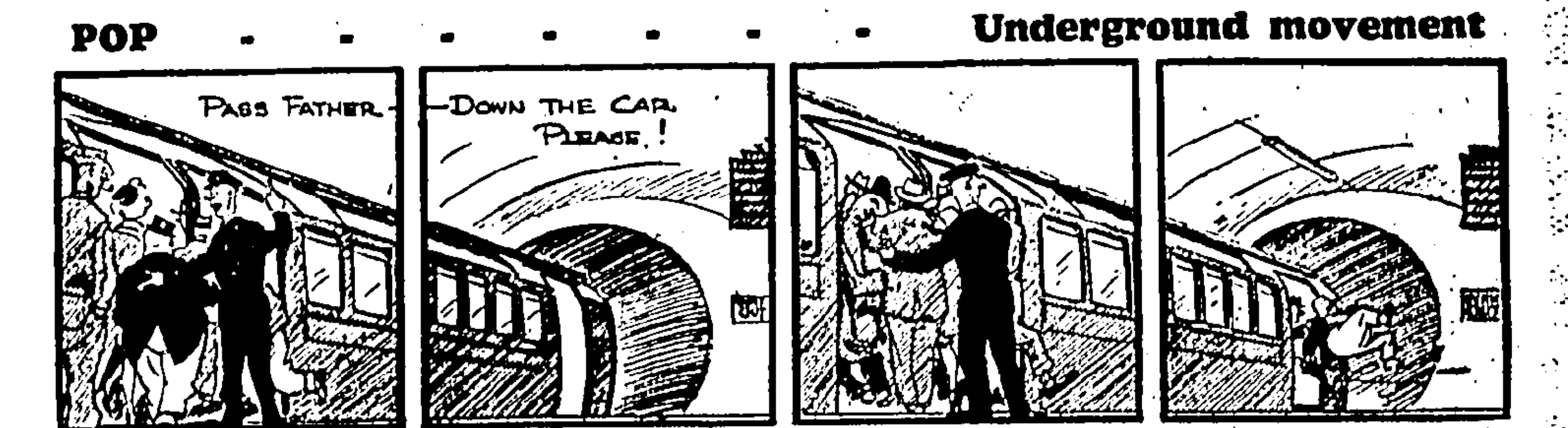
Previously, it was possible to sell them to anyone with a sterling account of any kind. It was believed here that foreigners have been buying these securities with sterling bought below the official exchange rate.

Now that people other than residents in Britain can only pay for these securities through a Belgian sterling account, settlement will have to be made at the official exchange rate.—Reuter.

UNDER-SECRETARY OFF FOR JAPAN

Washington, August 23.
The Under-Secretary of the Army, Mr. Tracy S. Voorhees, left here today for Japan.

He took over his new job today on Monday, advancing from Assistant Secretary of the Army. He is due in Los Angeles on Wednesday and will continue on to Tokyo. He is due in Japan on August 29.—Associated Press.





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"PAKHOT"	Yokohama & Kobe	5 p.m. 1st Sept.
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12.30 p.m.	"Hong Kong Calling" Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.	File Paravision.
1.00 p.m.	Harry Horlick and His Orchestra.
1.15 p.m.	News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25 p.m.	Interlude.
1.30 p.m.	"Orchestra of Week"—The London Symphony Orchestra.
2.00 p.m.	Class Down.
2.05 p.m.	"Hong Kong Calling" by Captain Elliott.
2.05 p.m.	Children's "Story": "Winter Holiday" by Arthur Ransome, Read by Captain Elliott.
2.30 p.m.	"Time for Music"—HBC Midland Light Orchestra. Conducted by Gilbert Vinter (HBCTS).
2.50 p.m.	"The Editor's Record" Presented by Ronald Gibbins (HBC).
3.00 p.m.	"La Demi-Heure Francaise" (Radio).
3.05 p.m.	World News and News Analysis (London Relay).
3.15 p.m.	"Short Story"—"The Voice of America".
3.20 p.m.	"From the Editorials" (London Relay).
3.30 p.m.	Weather Report.
3.35 p.m.	World Theatre: "The Tragedy of Coriolanus" by William Shakespear. Produced by Sir Lewis Casson (HBCTS).
3.45 p.m.	"Thursday Serenade": A Programme of Continuum Music.
11.00 p.m.	Radio News Report (London Relay).
11.15 p.m.	Weather Report and Summary of News.
11.20 p.m.	Class Down.

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A.M.T.	
7.00 p.m.	Up with the Sun.
7.15 p.m.	Relaxing Exercises.
7.30 p.m.	Michael Clark.
7.45 p.m.	The Boston Lighter Programme.
8.00 p.m.	N.S. and Weather Forecast.
8.15 p.m.	Olympic Motors Programme.
8.30 p.m.	Good Morning.
9.30 p.m.	Thursday's Music.
10.00 p.m.	Morning Melody.
11.00 p.m.	Music for all.

P.M.	
12.00 p.m.	Song of the Islands.
12.15 p.m.	Time.
12.30 p.m.	Interval Signal.
12.32 p.m.	Radio News Report.
1.00 p.m.	Light Varieties.
1.15 p.m.	News.
1.30 p.m.	Orchestra of the Week.
1.45 p.m.	Society Calls the Tune.
2.15 p.m.	Tonitruum.
2.30 p.m.	Vocally Yours.
2.45 p.m.	Music Makers.
3.00 p.m.	Children's Corner.
3.15 p.m.	Music by Paul Weston.
3.30 p.m.	Men Behind the Melody.
3.45 p.m.	Light Orchestra.
4.00 p.m.	Johnnie Johnson (Gilmans).
4.15 p.m.	Smile Again (Gilmans).
4.30 p.m.	The Quince Programme "The Story of Flight".
4.45 p.m.	The Super-Gala Programme.
4.50 p.m.	HBC News.
5.00 p.m.	The Stars Ring (HBC's).
5.30 p.m.	"Time".
5.45 p.m.	Dance Times—Victor Silvester.
6.15 p.m.	Vivacious Tunes.
6.30 p.m.	The Salon Concert.
6.45 p.m.	HBC World News.
7.00 p.m.	Local News.
7.15 p.m.	Light Music.
7.30 p.m.	Thursday Serenade.
7.45 p.m.	Standard.
8.00 p.m.	Soft Lights and Sweet Music.
8.15 p.m.	Midnight Close Down.

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Russia Bars Nepal From UN

Lake Success, August 23. Russia today barred the admission of the Kingdom of Nepal into the United Nations on the grounds that four Soviet satellite States were being discriminated against.

Mr. Alexander Soldatov, Soviet Union, said: "We are not opposed to the admission of Nepal to membership but we cannot vote for it because it would be unfair to accept only Nepal while Albania, Bulgaria, Rumania, Hungary and Mongolia are systematically rejected."

This statement made it almost certain that when the Nepalese application came before the Security Council the Soviet Union would impose its veto.—Reuter.

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Committee Approves Arms Aid

Washington, August 23. The Combined Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and Armed Services today approved US\$239,000,000 for arms aid to Greece, Turkey, Iran, Korea and the Philippines.

The committee delayed until later this week a decision as to how much military assistance shall be given to European members of the Atlantic Pact under President Truman's Arms Aid Programme.

Senator Tom Connally (Democrat), Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, announced that the combined groups approved \$211,379,000 for Greece and Turkey and \$27,620,000 for Iran, Korea and the Philippines.

Similar amounts have been approved previously by the House, which cut in half the \$1,100,000,000 asked by the President for European members of the Atlantic Alliance.

Senator Connally told reporters that the committee also approved the amendments by Senator Smith (Republican) pledging the United States to exert maximum efforts to provide the United Nations with armed forces and to obtain an agreement for universal reduction of armaments.—Reuter.

Good Season For British Boxing

London, August 24. British boxing appears to be heading for a good season in spite of the "count" it took recently when Bruce Woodcock, the British champion, made his startling announcement of retiring.

Woodcock's decision to fight after all will afford the opportunity of staging a world heavyweight fight for the first time in Britain and is the forerunner to more world championships bouts. Among these will be the defence of the world light heavyweight title by Britain's Freddie Mills against Joey Maxim, the National Boxing Association champion of America.

Others in the negotiating stage concern the welterweight and middleweight crowns. Ray "Sugar" Robinson, the welterweight champion, has intimated that he would like to defend his title in Britain and Jack Solomon, the London promoter, is angling for the winner of the return middleweight title bout between the holder, Jake Lamotta and Marcel Cerdan of France.

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Baseball Scores

New York, August 23.

Today's baseball scores were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R	H	E
New York Yankees	4	10	0
Detroit Tigers	0	10	0
Yankees: p. Reynolds, Pillello, Sanford; c. Silvera.			
Tigers: p. Newhouse; c. A. Robinson.			
Washington Senators	4	10	1
Cleveland Indians	2	0	1
Senators: p. Scarborough; c. Early.			
Indians: p. Lemon, Paige; c. Hegan, Tresh.			
Philadelphia Athletics	4	11	1
Chicago White Sox	2	8	0
Athletics: p. Coleman, Harris, Bralae; c. Astorff.			
White Sox: p. Haefner, Pieretti; c. Malone.			
Boston Red Sox	4	10	1
St. Louis Browns	5	8	0
Red Sox: p. Dobson, Stobbs, Hughton; c. Tebberts.			
Browns: p. Drews, Starr, Tapp; c. Moss.			

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Pittsburgh Pirates	2	0	1
Boston Braves	5	10	1
Pirates: p. Chesnes; c. Muhl.			
Braves: p. Sain; c. Sulkeld, Livingston.			
St. Louis Cardinals	3	8	2
(2nd game)			
Cardinals: p. Pollet; c. Rice.			
Dodgers: p. Roe; c. Campanella.			
Chicago Cubs	7	10	0
New York Giants	5	5	1
Cubs: p. Lade, Muncie; c. Owen.			
Giants: p. Kossio, Higbe, Hartung; c. Mueller, Westrum.			
St. Louis Cardinals	9	9	0
Brooklyn Dodgers	3	3	2
Cardinals: p. Lanier, Wilks; c. D. Rice.			
Dodgers: p. Hatten, Erskine, Minor; c. Campanella.			
Cincinnati (13 innings)	3	13	1
Philadelphia	4	11	0
Reds: p. Wehmeier, Blackwell, Eruat; c. Peterson, Cooper.			
Phillies: p. Borowy, Konstanty, Roberts; c. Semnick.			

Standings

	W	L	Pc.
St. Louis	72	45	.615
Brooklyn	70	47	.598
Boston	61	56	.521
Philadelphia	61	58	.513
New York	59	59	.500
Pittsburgh	54	62	.466
Cincinnati	48	70	.407
Chicago	46	74	.383

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L
New York	73	43
Boston	72	47
Cleveland	69	49
Philadelphia	64	54
Detroit	66	56
Chicago	50	68
St. Louis	41	80
Washington	39	77

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